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WHERE THE CENTRAL POWERS WILL NEXT STRIKE IS QUESTION

May Attempt Decisive Move, While Allies Prepare for Spring Warfare.

ARE TO INVADE EGYPT?

One Observer Also Considers German Attempt at England a Possibility.

Small Gains Reported to Have Been Made by Italians.

London, Dec. 19.—During the relaxation in all the offensive campaigns except the Italian pressure on the Austrians, which has followed the expulsion of the Serbian army from its own country, European interest is focussed upon the probabilities of some new, but, as yet, undeveloped upheaval. It appears to be taken for granted on all sides that the policy of the Central Powers will be to attempt to gain a decision somewhere while their opponents will prefer to devote the winter preparations for warfare in the spring.

There is much discussion in Great Britain of a reported Turkish-German attempt upon the Suez canal. Messages received from neutral countries professing to have German sources of information describe the German field marshal, Von Der Goltz, as equipping at Alepho an army for an invasion of Egypt. The same correspondents assert that the German are collecting extensive droves of camels and donkeys for their transport. A majority of the English writers who know Egypt declare that such a project would be hopeless.

Prepare to Invade England?

The Observer today considers a German attempt to invade England, as a desperate gamble, one of the foremost possibilities and that the extensive movements of troops in Belgium may mean preparations for embarking at Zeebrugge, and in the Scheldt river.

Officers returning from the western front express the belief that fighting thre on a big scale is impossible because the country is muddier and altogether in worse condition than last year.

The activity on the Gallipoli peninsula and small Italian gains are the only important military operations reported today.

Germany has lost the small cruiser Bremen and a torpedo boat in the Baltic through a submarine attack. It is presumed that the submarine was one of the English undersea squadron which recently has shown enterprise in those waters. The Turks claim to have sunk a British monitor in the Tigris river near Kut el Amara.

Greek Situation Unchanged.

The Greek situation remains unchanged. The Greek government is reported to have protested formally against the Entente Allies fortifying outside Saloniki. This protest may be of the same character as the one lodged against the first landing of troops, which was then described as merely a technical one to keep the record clear.

Henry Ford's peace party arrived in Christiania this morning and was welcomed informally by professors and clergymen and the American ministers. Notwithstanding the fact that the party has no official status, Norwegian hospitality and the warm friendship of the Norwegians toward Americans assures the peace party an interesting sojourn during their three days in that country.

Field Marshal French issued an eloquent farewell to the British army in France prior to his turning over the command of the British forces to General Sir Douglas Haig. In it he asserted the conviction that a glorious ending to their efforts was not far distant.

The Earl of Derby, director of recruiting, today told a London audience that he has found the heart of the country was right. He predicted a victory for the Entente Allies at any earlier date than many persons expected.

The recruits mobilized under the Earl of Derby's plan have already begun drilling in several cities so that they may have some military schooling when they are formally called to arms.

BULGARS NOT TO PARTICIPATE

However, Austro-Germans With Aid of Turks May Invade Greece.

Paris, Dec. 19.—A Temps dispatch froms Athens says:

"The Central Powers, it is said, gave the Greek government assurances Bulgarian troops would not participate in the event of any action against the Entente Allies on Greek territory but that there is a question of an attack by the Austro-Germans with the aid of Turks in any operation on Greek soil would be strongly objected by the government.

"Galib Bey, the Turkish minister, conferred at length with Premier Skouloudis yesterday."

TO INVADE EGYPT

Turkish Commander-in-Chief to Take Command of Army.

London, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says:

"It is reported that Field Marshal von Der Goltz, commander-in-chief of the First Turkish army, is establishing his headquarters at Alepho, Syria, where the Turkish and German troops are being equipped for an invasion of Egypt. Emperor William and the Sultan of Turkey have sent Field Marshall Von Der Goltz messages of good

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GERMANS IN WEST BEING REINFORCED

Strong Offensive Movement Considered Possible

REVIEW OF WAR NEWS

Battle Between British and Germans Take Place Northeast of Ypres—Little Fighting of Importance Elsewhere.

The possible prelude of a strong German offensive movement on the western front are reported to have received large reinforcements occurred early Sunday morning against the British line to the northeast of Ypres. The Germans directed clouds of gas against the British who, in conjunction with the first batteries, turned their guns on the German trenches engaged in the gas operations.

The British official reports on the attack says that most of the German infantry were prevented by the gun fire from leaving their trenches while other detachments were driven back before reaching the British line.

On the other fronts there has been little fighting of importance. The campaign in the Balkans except for the pursuit of the Serbians in Northern Albania and minor actions between the Bulgarians and Montenegrins is virtually at a standstill. The Bulgarians are still standing guard at the Greek frontier where the Anglo-French forces crossed to make their way back to Saloniki. Along the Austro-Italian line snow in the mountains and rains in the valleys are hampering the Italians in their operations against Gorizia. Near Monte San Michele an Austrian trench which formed a salient in the Italian line was taken by a surprise Italian infantry attack.

Only isolated fighting in which no important results were obtained by either side has taken place on the Russian front. Artillery bombardments of Turk and allied positions and the shelling of Turkish positions by entente warships are reported from the Gallipoli peninsula.

The German Field Marshal Van Der Goltz is reported at Alepho forming an army with which it is purposed to operate against the Suez canal.

Field Marshal Sir John French has relinquished command of the British forces in France and Belgium to General Sir Douglas Haig.

HALF MILLION SERBIANS FLEE TO THE MOUNTAINS

Prefer to Face Cold of Winter to Yielding to the Germans

London, Dec. 20.—A half million refugees fled from Serbia, says the Times' Saloniki correspondent, preferring the horrible alternative the winter flight in the snow mountains to submission to the Germans. Little has been learned of their fate, but it is only to likely that many thousands perished of cold or starvation or were devoured by wolves.

When the converging Teutonic and Bulgarian armies swept over old Serbia, most of the Serbian males, not of fighting age, betook themselves to the roads while the women and children remained in their homes. Some 750,000 refugees thus assembled on the plain of Kossovo on the way to Albania and Montenegro. Of these, a quarter of a million were persuaded to accept the authority of the Austro-Germans; the others fled. Persons who saw the refugees entering the Albanian and Montenegrin passes state that they were then subsisting chiefly upon the flesh of dead animals. The mountains of Montenegro being devoid of trees, it was almost impossible for them to make fires. If ever their sufferings was told, the story will surpass in horror that the Napoleonic retreat from Moscow.

"Ten thousand refugees who reached the province of Saloniki are being well cared for by the British relief and the American sanitary commissions. Many of them are employed digging trenches for the Allies around Saloniki."

$1,400,000,000 BUSINESS

Estimate for Farmers' Co-Operative Organizations This Year.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Farmers' cooperative marketing and purchasing organizations will transact this year a total business amounting to more than $1,400,000,000, according to an estimate made in the annual report of the office of markets and rural organization of the Department of Agriculture, made public tonight. While agricultural cooperation in the United States is far more prevalent than is generally believed, the report says, it is not yet upon a sufficiently strong business basis. For this reason the office has studied the various methods employed and is endeavoring to aid in perfecting them.

WAS SEEN IN AMERICA

German Cruiser Bremen Was at Jamestown Exposition in 1907.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 19.—The sinking of the small German cruiser Bremen by a submarine in the Baltic sea, as officially announced Saturday, recalls the fact that the Bremen participated in the fleet review in connection with the Jamestown Exposition in 1907 and also took part in the naval parade at the Hudson-Fulton celebration in 1910.

VILLA IT IS SAID HAS NOT RESIGNED

Refused Demands of His Subordinate Generals.

IS TO RENEW FIGHTING

However, No Direct Word Has Been Received From the Rebel Leader Himself—Reports of Retirement Conflict.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 19.—No direct word was received here toda yfrom General Francisco Villa, who announced yesterday, according to dispatches from Chihuahua City, that he had retired as commander of the troops, opposing the Carranza government in Mexico. One rumor had it that Villa was on the way to Palomas, Chihuahua, and would cross the United States border at Columbus, N. M.

General Fidel Avila, Villa governor of Chihuahua, denied today at headquarters in Juarez that Villa had retired. He said Villa would lead the forces opposing General Travino near Chihuahua City and that the battle would begin tomorrow.

Miguel Diaz Lombardo, foreign minister in the Villa cabinet, now in El Paso, said his first chief had retired from the supreme command but would not cross the border. He declined to give more definite information.

Sylvester Terrazas, secretary of state of Chihuahua, and General Roberto Limon, commanding the garrison of the capital, who arrived here tonight declared Villa had not resigned.

They said the demand for the northern chieftain's retirement had been presented by the Villa generals at the council of war held recently at Chihuahua City. General Villa, they said, accused the generals of unwillingness to fight and informed them that if they wished to retire he would not oppose them but would permit all who wished to go to the border and either surrender to the Carranza government or cross into the United States. For himself, he is quoted as declaring that he was not afraid of Carranza and would lead his troops in person against General Trevino, south of Chihuahua.

ASK IMMUNITY FOR VILLAS

American Officials, Carranba and Villa Representatives Confer

Al Passo, Texas, Dec. 19.—At a conference of United States military officials, state and city authorities and representatives of the Carranza and Villa governments held here secretly tonight it was reported the Villa delegation asked that Francisco Villa and his brother, Hipolito Villa, be permitted to cross the border unharrassed by legal, criminal or civil action.

In return for the immunity of the Villa brothers, the Villa delegation promised that a new chief will be selected to head the Villa movement and pledged the leader, when selected to turn over the entire military and civil organization of Villa controlld territory to the Carranza government.

Should the guarantees of immunity not cover all persons affiliated with the Villa movement, the pledge would be withdrawn and the fight against the de facto government of Carranza would be continued.

London, Dec. 19. — According to Constantinople advices, received by way of Amsterdam by Reuter's Telegram Company, two British monitors have made an attempt to break the Turkish lines besieging Kut El Amara, Mesopotamia.

SIR JOHN FRENCH IS SAD UPON DEPARTING

Expresses Confidence of Success to Men at Front.

Praises British Soldiers in France For Their "Indomitable Spirit and Dogged Tenacity, Which Knows no Defeat."

London, Dec. 19.—Field Marshall Sir John French issued the following order of the day yesterday before leaving the army on the western front:

"In relinquishing command of the army in France, I wish to express to the officers, the non-commissioned officers and men, my heartfelt sorrow in parting with them before the campaign in which we have been so long engaged together has been brought to a victorious conclusion.

"I have, however, the firmest conviction that such a glorious ending to their splendid and heroic efforts is not far distant, and I shall watch their progress toward this final goal with intense interest, but in the most confident hope. The success so far attained has been due to the indomitable spirit and dogged tenacity, which knows no defeat, and the heroic courage so abundantly displayed by the rank and file of the splendid army, which it will ever remain the pride and glory of my life to have commanded during over sixteen months of incessant fighting.

"The regulars and the territorials of the old army and the new army have ever shown these magnificent qualities in equal degree. From my heart I thank them all.

"At this sad moment of parting my heart goes out to those who have received life-long injury from wounds and I think with sorrow of that great

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ITALY TO INCREASE ARMY BY 1,000,000

Preliminary Fighting Has Yet Only Been Waged.

2,000,000 NOW IN RANKS

First Object is to Regain Two Provinces With Trent and Trieste as the Principal Cities—Austrian Losses Heaviest.

Rome, Dec 19. — Italy now has two million men engaged in the war, and is preparing to add another million. About a million men are on the fighting line, stretched along the mountains from Trentino in the west of the Austrian stronghold of Gorizia in the East.

Another million is in reserve, for emergencies, and to fill gaps in the fighting line, as needed, or for operations in the Balkans. The third million is represented in the additional classes in process of being assembled during the coming months as the scope of offensive and defensive military operations may become enlarged.

The Italian campaign is well understood by every Italian. But the outside world has had only a vague understanding of the meaning of these operations.

Alps as a Barrier.

The military operations and what Italy has accomplished are best understood by taking a map of Italy, showing the northern frontier. The Alps sweep in a great semi-circle from the French frontier on the Mediterranean to the Austrian frontier on the Adriatic. This sweep from west to east is a sort of natural bulwark or boundary of Italy. But in two places this natural sweep of the Alps is dented deeply to the southward, first in the Trentino region in the west and then in the Triest region of the upper Adriatic. Thus the natural boundary of the Alps is broken at two vital points, and Austria has stretched down at both these points and firmly established her political control, her control of Trentino dating from the time of Napoleon and of the Triest region from the war of 1866.

The first object, therefore, of Italy's campaign is to get back the two provinces which dent the natural frontier of the Alps, thus regaining former Italian territory and re-establishing the great mountain range as the strategic defense against the nations of the north. This main objective has necessitated dividing the campaign into two parts, one in the west, with Trent as the center, and the other in the east with Triest as the chief object. Between 400,000 and 500,000 men are engaged in the western operations centering at Trent, and about 600,000 men in the eastern operations directed toward Triest—in all, about 1,000,000 men, with another 1,000,000 in reserve.

Main Drive Towards Triest.

The main drive of the Italians has been in the eastern section toward Triest, the great Austrian port of the Adriatic, lying just across from Venice. This rich prize of Triest is hardly more than ten days' march from the Italian frontier. And yet the war has been going on for six months, and the Italian army is nowhere near Triest. The military leaders say Triest could have been taken any time in 15 days, but it could not be held, as the Carso mountains sweep around back of Triest and form a circle of 15 miles back from the Adriatic with Austrian batteries

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AMERICA IS BUILDING MORE SHIPS THAN EVER

Merchant Marine Largest in Country's History.

Total Number of Ships December 1 Was 26,888, a Net Gain Since July 1 of 187—Many Big Vessels Being Built.

Washington, Dec. 19—American shipyards have under construction now more vessels than ever before were building in the United States, to add to an American merchant marine whose gross tonnage already is the largest in the country's history, said a report issued today by the Commission of Navigation. Ninety-eight merchant vessels of more than 3,000 tonnage are being built or are under contract. These with many small vessels being constructed have a total tonnage of 761,511.

The total tonnage of ships under the American flag, numbering 26,888 December 1 was 8,444,258, a net gain of more than fifty thousand tons since July 1. There was a net gain of 187 ships, despite 272 vessels lost, abandoned and sold to allens.

Twenty-three came under the American flag from foreign registry and 436 were completed in shipyards. Altogether 171 foreign vessels have taken American registry under the act of August 18, 1914. Ninety-eight American vessels have been transferred to foreign registry since August, 1914.

Many big vessels are being built. Thirteen mentioned in the report are of more than 10,000 tons. Twenty are of tonnage between 7,000 and 10,000 and 26 are of from 5,000 to 7,000 tons. Eleven vessels are colliers, 47 oil vessels, 34 general freight vessels and six passenger and freight vessels.

NATIONS OF WORLD SEND GOOD WISHES

Mr. Wilson and Bride Receive Many Messages.

ARE SEEKING PRIVACY

President Will Keep in Touch With Nation's Affairs by Direct Communication With Washington—Now at Hot Springs, Va.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 19.—President Wilson and bride, the former Mrs. Norman Galt, arrived here shortly after 9 o'clock this morning to spend their honeymoon. They were met at the station by a crowd of several hundred people who applauded as they alighted from their private car. A waiting automobile took the couple immediately to their hotel.

The distinguished couple, upon whom the eyes of the nation turned last night when they were married in Washington, came here to begin their married life in the quiet seclusion of the mountains of the state where both of them were born.

They were followed here by congratulations from almost every part of the world. Messages of good wishes came from rulers of nations of Europe, presidents of South and Central American countries, governors of states, diplomats, members of the Senate and House, justices of the Supreme Court and from scores of personal friends and relatives. Many they will answer personally from here. During the two weeks or more before returning to Washington to take up the official and social duties of the White House, the couple will golf, motor and climb mountains together, and as far as possible be protected from the prying eyes of the outside world.

Given Enthusiastic Welcome.

Hot Springs and its colony of visitors welcomed the President and his bride enthusiastically. While the crowd began applauding at the station the President and Mrs. Wilson appeared to be just as nervous as any newly married pair. They smiled at each other and at the crowd and the President raised his hat. Then they walked briskly to a waiting White House automobile, which had been shipped ahead for their use.

The President and Mrs. Wilson occupy four rooms in a section of the hotel set apart especially for them. No other guests will be given rooms near them. The suite is on the third floor and porches outside the windows overlook the golf links. The suite has a dining room and the couple expect to have all their meals served privately. They did not appear in the public part of the hotel.

Trials of the seclusion seekers began today with the arrival of a corps of photographers and moving picture operators. The President has directed that no pictures be taken of Mrs. Wilson or himself during the trip and the order is being enforced by the usual group of White House secret service agents augmented by several additional men ordered her from their regular stations. After some skirmishings today the photographers declared a truce, but said they would try for some pictures tomorrow.

The Warm Springs Valley, in which the honeymoon is being spent, is entirely surrounded by hills and mountains. Trails and roads lead to the slopes of these hills and mountains and Mrs. Wilson will have unlimited opportunity to indulge her fondness for walking. She became a devotee of golf, the President having taught her

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FORT OGLETHORPE, GA. GETS TRAINING CAMP

Is Selected Over Many Other Proposed Sites.

Location Most Suitable Because of Central Location, Climate and Access to Necessary Camp Equipment and Supplies.

New York, Dec. 19.—A military training camp for students, business and professional men of the Southern states, patterned after the one conducted at Plattsburg, N. Y., last summer, is to be established next April at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., near Chattanooga, Tenn., it was announced here tonight by Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the Department of the East, who will have direct supervision over the camp.

General Wood's announcement followed an inspection of many proposed sites by Captain Johnson, his chief aide.

Fort Oglethrope was selected because of its central location and favorable climate for out-of-door work. It is the only large army post now garrisoned in that region. The necessary camp equipment and supplies are at hand.

General Wood said it is planned to keep the camp open four weeks for business and professional men and that, if applications warrant, a second camp will be opened early in May to be continued until June. The camp for students will be opened July to last five weeks. Thereafter, if conditions warrant it, the camps will be continued.

Officers of the regular army will impart as much of the fundamental education of an officer as is possible

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FORD PEACE PARTY IS NOW IN EUROPE

Americans Given Warm Reception in Christiania.

MR. FORD FULL OF FAITH

Says Every Nation in the World Will Soon Look Upon the Expedition as Taking the Initiative in Stopping the War.

Christiania, Norway, via London, December 19. — "Every nation in the world will soon look upon the American peace pilgrims as taking the initiative in stopping history's worst war. The landing of the peace expedition in Europe will be recorded as one of the most benevolent things the American republic ever did," said Henry Ford today to the Associated Press representative, on stepping ashore on Norwegian soil.

The steamship Oscar II, carrying the Ford peace expedition, arrived at this port on Saturday after a 14 days' voyage from New York. The delegates expressed much displeasure because the vessel was delayed three days by the British authorities at Kirkwall.

Mr. Ford said he was confident the expedition would result in getting the men out of the trenches before the winter was over. He declared he had information from official sources that his peace plan was looked upon approvingly. He added that his motive in coming to Europe was to develop to the full an understanding throughout the world by the time peace sessions were begun at The Hague, where William Jennings Bryan, ex-Secretary of State, was expected to join the peace party.

Will Proceed to Stockholm.

Mr. Ford explained the presence of the American party in Norway was merely intended to convince the Norwegians of the sincere wish of Americans for peace. He expects to gather a Norwegian delegation here and then in about three days proceed to Stockholm, Sweden He said the party would grow as it traveled, through neutral countries, and that this would convince the belligerents that the rest of the world demanded peace immediately. By the time Copenhagen was visited and The Hague reached, probably two weeks hence, Mr. Ford said, the peace movement would have a definite programme.

The members of the Ford party landed at 8 o'clock this morning and went to various hotels. The weather is fine, so the travelers will have a good chance to see Norwegian winter life.

After holding meetings while crossing the Atlantic and disagreeing over the question of the American preparedness policy, the 150 delegates on arriving were anxious to learn what attitude would be adopted toward them by Europe.

Receptions by Christiana preachers and university professors and an unofficial call made by Albert G. Schmedeman, American minister to Norway, attended the first day of the members of the peace expedition in Europe. Formal meetings will begin Monday.

Christiania newspapers publish long accounts regarding the Ford expedition, accompanying the stories with cartoons from foreign newspapers.

Party Unanimous for Peace.

Just before the Oscar II reached Christiana the Ford guests held a public meeting aboard the ship. Samuel McClure, of New York, said that unless the peace pilgrims composed their differences of opinion regarding President Wilson's preparedness policy, it would cause disaster to the expedition. He declared American preparedness was necessary, and was not related to the peace efforts. The Rev. Charles F. Aked, pastor of the First Congregational church of San Francisco, maintained it was ridiculous for Americans to urge peace abroad while preparing for war at home. Finally, a resolution declaring that the delegates were unanimous for European peace, was adopted.

MEMBERS ADDRESS STUDENTS

Audience Crowds Hall at the University of Christiania.

London, Dec. 19.—A Copenhagen dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says that members of the Ford peace party spoke last evening before the Norwegian student union in Christiania. The American minister, Albert G. Schmedeman, and the rector of the University of Christiania, were in the audience which crowded the half.

Henry Ford was prevented from speaking by influenza but the Rev. Jenkins Lloyd Jones, Miss Katharine M. Brewster and Lieut. Governor Andrew J. Bethea, of South Carolina, addressed the meeting.

Lewis P. Lechner, general secretary of the expedition, explained the intention of Mr. Ford and his co-workers. The Norwegian chairman of the meeting gave assurances of the students genuine interest.

WOLGAST FACES CHARGES

Former Lightweight Champion is to Be Giving a Hearing.

New York, Dec. 19.—Charges of breach of contract and obtaining money under false pretenses, will be preferred against Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, at a meeting tomorrow of the New York State Athletic Commission. Chairman Fred Wenck announced tonight that he would recommend suspension of the pugilist for six months.

Wolgast is charged with violating his contract with the Harlem Sporting Club when he boxed on the night of December 14 at Atlanta as he had agreed not to engage in any bout previous to his appearance here last Friday night. He is accused also of going on here when he knew he was not in fit physical condition to do so.

NEW ANCONA NOTE BELIEVED CABLED

Officials, However, Refuse to Give Information.

ASKS A PROMPT REPLY

Communication Believed Longer Than First and is Understood to Broadly Intimate America Has Spoken Final Word

Washington, Dec. 19.—The new American note to Austria-Hungary regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona is understood to have been cabled tonight to Ambassador Penfield for presentation to the Vienna foreign office. Secretary Lansing and other officials of the State Department declined to divulge any information concerning the communication. From other reliable sources, however, came a strong intimation that the final draft of the note had been completed by Secretary Lansing during the day and had been put in code and started on its way over the cables.

A veil of secrecy has surrounded the communication ever since a White House messenger carried a preliminary draft from President Wilson to Secretary Lansing last night. However, it is known that the secretary spent considerable time last night and today at work developing the ideas the President had outlined. As completed the note is believed to have been considerably more lengthy than the first.

Unless there are unforeseen developments the note should be delivered in Vienna by Wednesday night. It will be made public when Secretary Lansing is advised that it has reached the Austro-Hungarian foreign office . A prompt reply is requested and officials are of the opinion that one will come with ten days.

Certain portions of the text of the new note were said tonight to be nearly identical with portions of the first.

The demands of the United States, which are reiterated, are for disavowal, punishment of the submarine commander, and reparation by the payment of indemnity for the Americans killed or injured.

Austria-Hungary's rejoinder to the first note contained an implied request for details regarding the American citizens who were killed or injured. The State Department, it is said, has been unable to secure all of these names and even though it has some of them they probably have not been furnished to the Austro-Hungarian government. The United States is represented as determined not to enter into any discussion of such details, this government being primarily concerned with the principal and the violations of neutral rights and law involved.

The note, it is understood, will broadly intimate that the final word of the United States has been spoken. Upon the attitude of the Vienna foreign office depend the continuance of good relations between the two governments.

TAKE OPTIMISTIC VIEW

Believe America Will Open Discussion in the Ancona Case.

Zurich, Switz., via London, Dec. 19—Dispatches received here from Vienna indicate that Austrian political circles are taking an optimistic view of the controversy between Austria-Hungary and the United States, growing out of the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona. The politicians believe, the dispatches say, that the Washington government is not likely to break off diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary, but will enter into a further discussion of the points at issue.

RELEASED PRISONERS OF WAR WITHOUT FOOD AND SHELTER

Distressing Conditions Believed to Exist in Devastated Serbia.

Saloniki, Greece, Dec. 18, (via Paris, Dec. 19).—"Released Austrian prisoners of war to the number of 1,000 are without shelter and food in Albania, as are the inhabitants of that country," said Dr. Edward Stuart, of Boston, to the Associated Press representative today. Dr. Stuart is a member of the American sanitary commission which left Saloniki last month, after completing a campaign against typhus and which has been recalled to this city to take up Serbian relief work. He added:

"Conditions among the refugees here are bad enough but tens of thousands of non-combatants remaining in war devastated Serbia must be infinitely worse. Their fate during the bitter winter already begun probably will exceed all the sufferings endured by the Belgians because the Serbs are so inaccessible to relief.

"Americans are most willing to help and their success depends upon the promptness with which facilities are granted by the Austro-Hungarians and Bulgarians for northeastern Serbia, by the Italians for Albania and by the Greeks for Southern Serbia. This question of speed may save hundreds of lives."

ANOTHER PANAMA SLIDE

Slight Movement Prevents Passage of Vessels Yesterday.

Panama, Dec. 19.—Another slight movement of material in Gaillard cut last night prevented the passage of vessels through the Panama canal today. It is expected that the canal will be cleared for the transit of vessels tomorrow or Tuesday.

The committee appointed by the National Academy of Science to investigate the geological formation in the canal and study the question of landslides arrived here this afternoon. Work of inspection will begin tomorrow. The committee will remain until January 1.

HON. H. A. GUDGER TO ADDRESS THE MASONS

Chosen Orator For Grand Lodge January 18

Outlook for Excellent Attendance at Session—Whitten Touring Car Seized With Whiskey at Raleigh to be Sold.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—Acting Grand Master A. B. Andrews announces that the orator for the approaching session of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons will be Hon. Hezekiah A. Gudger and that the oration will be delivered on the evening of January 18. Mr. Gudger, who is a gifted speaker, was consul general to Panama and served as chief justice of the Panama Canal Zone. Mr. Andrews says the outlook is for an excellent attendance of the Grand Lodge. The steady convalescence of Grand Secretary John C. Drewery, who is just back in Raleigh from Baltimore, where he underwent a successful operation, gives promise that he will be abig to attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge and at least have an oversight of the work in his division of service.

An order was made in the municipal court today by Judge W. C. Harris for the sale of the big W. T. Whitten touring car that was captured with three hundred and more pints of whiskey this week just as Whitten returned from Petersburg with the unlawful quantity of whiskey, and for mortgages against the machine to be satisfied and any remaining fund to be turned in for the benefit of the school fund. It is hardly likely, however, that the school fund will benefit by the sale as there is understood to be a first mortgage of $300 and a second mortgage for $1,000 to be satisfied.

The case against Whitten was not tried, the hearing being postponed to Tuesday of next week in order that time may be given for John U. Smith to return to the city from Richmond, where he has gone for special treatment under the direction of his family physician. Smith is charged with having employed Whitten to bring the whiskey from Petersburg. The court authorities understand that Smith will make a submission.

Chief Justice Walter Clark, Walter Clark, Jr., Miss Lucy Clark and Mrs. W. A. Graham have gone to Greensboro to attend the funeral of Judge Clark's brother-in-law, Joseph W. Nicholson, who died there yesterday. The funeral will be held at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. The deceased is survived by his wife, who is a sister of Judge Clark.

NEWBERN STORM SWEPT

Damage Also to Other East Carolina Sections—Fish Shipments.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 19.—Newbern was storm swept early this morning, one of the worst wind storms of the season paying this city and section a visit and doing considerable damage. Fences, chimneys and a few trees were blown down but so far as is known there was no great amount of damage done by the wind and the accompanying rain. Reports from Oriental, Beaufort and Morehead City are to the effect that heavy winds also visited those places and did some damage. However, this is reported as being comparatively small.

Judging from the large number of fish which have been caught off Beaufort during the past two or three days by the fishermen at that place and Morehead City, one would soon come to the conclusion that they are endeavoring to catch all the fish in the ocean.

Yesterday morning a solid carload of grey trout were shipped North from Morehead City and this morning another carload of speckled trout were sent North from the same place.

The "run" of trout in that section during the past week has been remarkably large and if the fishermen there do not do their shopping early it will not be due to the fact that they have not the necessary coin.

ROCKY MOUNT ENTHUSED

Over Announcement of New Short Route From Richmond to Raleigh.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 19. — The shortest automobile route from Richmond, Va., to Raleigh is via that portion of the Atlantic Coast highway from Roanoke Rapids to Rocky Mount and thence west through Nashville, Spring Hope and on into Raleigh. The fact that this is to be shown in the Automobile Blue Book when it is issued early in January has been a cause for some enthusiasm here and the committee from the chamber of commerce that is pressing the road work in this section is training its guns on eight miles of road near Wakefield in Wake county, which is said to be the only bad point in the stretch of sand clay turnpike. The new route between the capitals of Virginia and North Carolina is made possible by the new highway and it will give a mileage of 182.6 between the two points. The present highway via Clarksville, Va., has a mileage of 184.6, while the route via Henderson and Roanoke Rapids is 191 miles.

HEARING IN CHRISTY-WARREN MURDER CASE NEXT TUESDAY

Supreme Court to Deliver Batch of Opinions Thursday.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—A member of the Supreme Court said tonight that the court will hear the special argument Tuesday in the noted Christy and Ida Warren capital case and then deliver a batch of opinions Thursday, taking a recess on that day to some time in January when it will reassemble to complete the preparation and delivery of opinions for this term, which has been characterized by an especially heavy run of work for the five justices of the court. There will likely be a delivery of opinions Tuesday afternoon as well as of Thursday of this week. A recess to January 20 was necessary in rounding out the work of the fall term last December and the recess this time will be for about the same length of time.

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THEATRICAL

Mr. Nat C. Goodwin, who comes, to the Academy of Music on next Wednesday will appear for once in "Never Say Die," a farcical comedy in three acts, by William H. Post.

This successful comedy has proven to both Mr. Goodwin and its author to be the epitome and climax of fine light entertainment as it is now expressed and demanded of the American stage.

Humor that is wholesome, clean, irresistable fun that is definitely gracious, nicely intermingled with all the tenderness and poignant meaning that comes so natural in the art of acting, is depicted by Mr. Goodwin.

The whimsy story of "Never Say Die" has for its foundation the well known facts that even eminent doctors sometimes err in their diagnosis and final analysis of what ails the patient, and their prognostications of exactly how long the subject may or may not live.

Dionysious Woodbury, (Mr. Goodwin), having been allotted the brief space of three weeks before passing on to the great majority, forthwise proceeds to arrange everything as he would wise it after his demise; and his subsequent failure to live up to the doctors' predictions, or rather "die" as per the doctors' predictions, furnish a chaotic confusion of apparently inextricable situations.

The reader does not have to draw heavily upon his imagination to comprehend the manifold opportunities for laugh provoking situations in which they easily enjoy the sustained action of this merry comedy.

A coterie of distinguished players have always been a part and parcel of Mr. Goodwin's previous engagement, and, on this occasion the exotic splendor of Miss Margaret Moreland, everywhere hailed as one of the latest beauties to grace the stage, will be eagerly anticipated, as she occupies the position of leading lady; and the critics have been equally lavish in praising her talents as an actress; Nan Bernard, Maude Henderson, Dennis Cleugh, Isador Marcil, Alexandre J. Herbert, Luke Vrohman and Frank Lunch will handle the remaining parts, and that the scenic investiture, will be correct is a foregone conclusion. Prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets are now on sale at Plummer's.

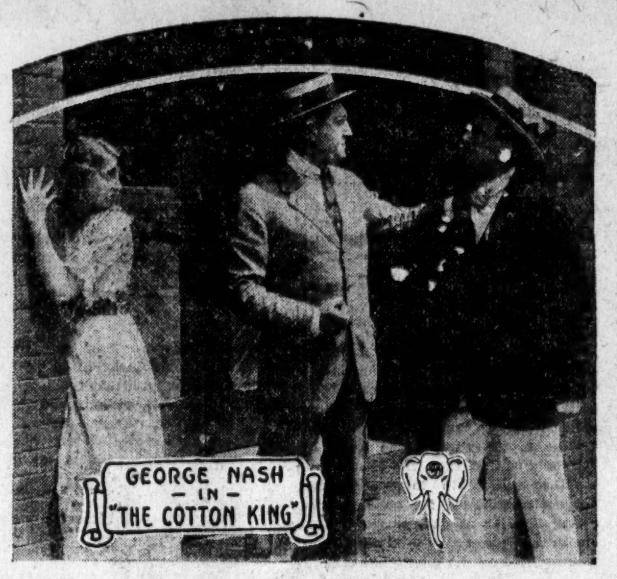
Comedy Feature at the Bijou.

Do you want to take a trip with a progressive traveling salesman—one who sells bathing suits—not wholesale, but to the wearers themselves—on a circuit which includes New York, Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia? Would you like to meet the young ladies whom such a personage is won't to meet, having an introduction at a diving school which this same salesman conducts for buxom blondes and sylph like nymphs, enter the demonstration pool, and get on to the "inside workings" of his life?

Well, just take a glimpse at "He Was Only a Bathing Suit Salesman," a great three-reel rip-roaring comedy feature at the Bijou today, starring Harry Myers as the salesman and Rosemary Theby as his wife. And by the way, the wife of such a salesman has no easy job, either. She spends most of her time at home while hubby goes skylarking with pretty girls in his troupe and maidens whom he meets on the road. (He has a troup of models with him). If it wasn't that hubby was an A-1 liar he never would get away with what he does. Real scenes in the cities mentioned, some with the White House as a back ground, add to the beauty of this feature.

"The Cotton King"—Royal.

George Nash, during the past two years, has put over some of the greatest successes that Broadway has ever known, and has been especially alluring in his delineations of Southern characters. Hence he was selected by the World Film Corporation for the portrayal of the title role in "The Cotton King," that great five-act drama of the cotton fields, the stock exchange, and a delightful romance intermingled therein.



A Scene from "The Cotton King," Starring George Nash, Royal, Today.

"The Cototh King" whisks the audience in the twinkling of an eye to the real cotton fields of the South, the scenes actually having been filmed in Dixie. It is a story of big business, a pretty romance, a true to life and interest-holding drama that contains not a jarring note in the superb acting of Mr. Nash and his equally brilliant supporting cast.

"The Cotton King" was the rage on Broadway two seasons ago, and the film version, with the realistic results that can be obtained from staging among the actual scenes of action, should be equally attractive if not more so, than the stage play.

"The Cotton King" is today's attraction at the Royal.

Great Drama at Victoria Wednesday

Many will know already that "The Melting Pot" during the past few years, has had a great revival on Broadway for another record run. "The Melting Pot" has been pronounced the most vital, gripping and absorbing problem play—for it is a problem play in a certain sense—that the American stage ever know. "The Melting Pot" was the greatest drama from that master mind of Israel Zangwill, and it is surprising that the films heretofore have overlooked this stirring drama.

However, it has now been filmed, and has been booked for one day at the Victoria and that day is next Wednesday, matinee and night. "The Melting Pot" is the great story of a superhuman fight for freedom from the heel of oppression. The pomp and poverty, all the splendor and brilliant trappings of the Russian Czar's court, has been faithfully portrayed as the great author described it.

Filmed for the movies with that eminent dramatic star, Walter Whiteside, in the leading role, and a supporting cast of our one thousand people, with five hundred horses, and hundreds of exquisite scenes, it should prove especially appealing to Wilmington amusement lovers.

Interesting Bill at the Grand

Thomas A. Edison has never contributed a three-reel drama to the screen that contained the "punch" that "Friend Wilson's Daughter," a virile story-play that features today's bill at the Grand.

"Friend Wilson's Daughter" is a quaint and absorbing drama of our Revolutionary days, which differs from the ordinary war drama in that it is not confined to a few fake battle scenes. The building of a romance about a stern old Quaker in the ever interesting war period, makes this feature of unsual interest. This interest is doubled, as the suspense is absorbingly sustained and heightened even to the very last scene of the three reels—the most desirable quality of the enjoyable drama.

Starring in this big three-act feature is Robert Brower, Harold Meltzer, Gertrude McCoy and Bigelow Cooper, into whose capable hands have been entrusted one of the most vital regular program features released by Edison this year.

The Hearst-Selig Weekly contains some of the most realistic war scenes yet chronicled on the films, besides a great quantity of other great picture events the world over.

Geraldine Farrar in "Carmen"

No more fitting inauguration of the Christmas week of big things could be imagined than the elaborate presentation of Geraldine Farrar, the world's greatest prima donna, in "Carmen," at the Victoria this afternoon and tonight.

Twenty-four thousand, two hundred and eleven people crowded the Strand Theatre in New York City to witness the production of the same picture one day last week. Of course Wilmington cannot draw such a crowd as that, but it will without doubt be the biggest day in the history of the Victoria theatre. Geraldine Farrar and Carmen are synonomous names to anyone who keeps abreast of stage doings. She has probably sang "Carmen" more than a thousand times, in every civilized country on the globe. Hence when she was obtained to portray the great character of grand opera fame on the screen it was indeed a notable happening in the film world, and most widely discussed event of the present season.

"Carmen" as filmed for the movies is from the book by Presper Merrimee, and shows us Carmen as the half-wild gypsy girl who is the head of a band of smugglers, and who drives men mad and to their death, finally being stabber herself by a jealous lover. It's elaborate to the extreme, and thousands of dollars were spent on the settings for some individual scenes.

A show will be given every hour and a half, beginning at 2 p. m. today, and a full orchestra will render the Carmen music.

"The Castles are Coming."

A buzz of excitement has been created among hundreds of Wilmingtonians by the announcement that "the Castles are coming." Chances are that Lumina's floor will see many of the great Castle dances next summer as a result of the film portrayal of the world's most famous dances which Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle originate, in that great six-act feature photo-drama-romance, "The Whirl of Life," to be presented at the Victoria under ths auspices of the personal representative of the Castles next Friday and Saturday.

Not only do the Castles demonstrate all their great dances in this feature, but they live over again their strange life history—how they first met on the beach, how they eloped—wed—went to Paris. How they went broke, but achieved fame and fortune in a single night in the gay Cafe de Paris. It will be the one big society motion picture event of the season for Wilmington. "The Whirl of Life" will be presented at the standard scale of prices provided in all contracts where this great feature is booked, but in this case, only a few of the choicest seats will be held at the maximum price, eight hundred seats being reserved at the minimum price of 25 cents. Seats will go on sale Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

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THINK THEY HAVE SPOTTED TWO WULD-BE BANK ROBBERS

Two "Drummers" Believed to Have Attempted Hold-Up at Dover.

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 19.—The authorities here are confident today that the two "bandits" who several weeks ago made a comic opera attempt to rob the bank at Dover in broad daylight are still in this vicinity. On that occasion the couple secured an automobile here, drove to Dover and stopped in front of the bank about noon, one of them remaining in the machine to hold a revolver at the frightened negro's chaffeur's head while the other went inside and with levelled revolver demanded the money of the cashier. With a locked door and a counter between himself and the bandit's gun the cashier flatly refused. A patron came in and the would-be robber fled to the car, ordering the driver to put on full speed. A couple of miles from the town the car was stopped, the men took to the woods, leaving the negro without payment for his service. Yesterday Sidney French told a story which gained credence with the officials and was backed up by a report from Ayden, the thriving Pitt county town a few miles from here. French, a white chauffeur, declared that when he was taking two "drummers" to Ayden they at an isolated point on the road showed him two revolvers and an automatic pistol and bade him do their will or be the victim of a tragedy which would shock his relatives. They ordered him to stop in front of a bank in Ayden. One of the men got out and entered the bank. It was filled with people, and the stranger returned as quickly as he entered. A retreat was made to a point out of the town, where the couple alighted and refused to pay French the fares. The chief of police at Ayden says two strangers were under surveillance there night before last, similar in appearance to the men described by French. His description of the men tallies exactly with that given by the negro driver of his fares after the Dover affair. The police here are confident that the two men, probably fugitives from some penitentiary, mean to make trouble at some country bank in this section. Their lack of nerve, however, will cause one or both of them to "get hurt," the officers think. A blunder is apt to get the half-hearted couple riddled with bullets.

A. & M.-AUBURN DEBATE

Second Annual Contest to Be Held in Raleigh January 28.

West Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—The annual debate between the A. & M. and the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, of Auburn, Ala., will be held in Raleigh January 28. The query to be debated this year is, "Resolved, That Great Britain's policy of non-interference in the public affairs makes a higher civilization than Germany's policy of governmental control." A. & M. has the affirmative. The debaters selected at the preliminary were D. A. Monroe, of Moore county, and J. F. Williams Jr., of Mecklenburg, with W. K. Scott, of Alamance, as alternate.

This debate, which is the second to be held with Auburn, is representative of the growing interest in intercollegiate debating among the industrial colleges generally, and at the A. & M in particular. Up to last year A. & M. had not taken part in intercollegiate debating. Last year, in addition to the Auburn debate, held at Auburn, Ala., A. & M. took part in a triangular debate with the agricultural departments of Auburn and the University of Georgia, sending one team to Auburn while another met Georgia at Raleigh. Arrangements are now being made for a second triangular debate with Georgia and Auburn to be held some time in the spring.

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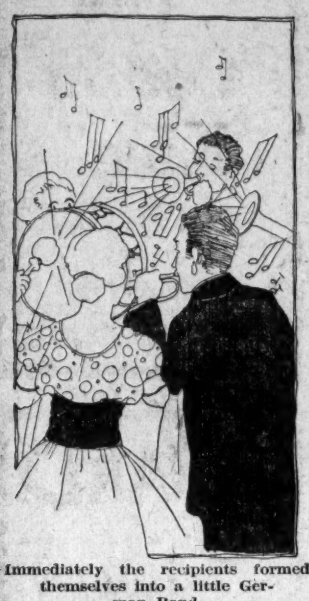
THE HOME CIRCLE PAGE

EDITED BY LILIAN CRAIGEN ADAMS

Favors Add To Gaiety

Something About the Trifling Souvenirs Which Have Amused Grown-Ups On Occasions.

THERE should be favors at the Christmas dinner, for they are sure to add greatly to the jollity and very little to the cost of the occasion, and so are not to be omitted



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on any account.

Last year one member of a very large family volunteered to buy the favors and to keep them a secret until the hour of the feast. And this she did, though with some difficulty, since there was much peering at the oddly shaped packages which she brought home with her from time to time.

When the family seated itself at the dinner table on Christmas day each found at his plate a German cracker and a parcel done up in tissue paper and tied with red ribbons. When dessert came in the crackers were pulled and the caps found within them were solemnly placed upon heads. Then the parcels were opened. These were discovered to contain musical instruments of miniature size but still capable of making a noise. There was a violin, a mouth organ, a jewsharp, a cornet, cymbals, a flute. Immediately the recipients formed themselves into a little German band for the express purpose of playing the Christmas carols and "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot," but alas, so quaint not to say grotesque was the result of their performance that soon all of the players on the mouth instruments had to fall out from laughing, and only the drum and cymbals were left to carry on the music. Of course it was all very absurd but who wants to be sensible on Christmas day?

At another dinner table the favors were children's toys, tiny hoops, marbles, tops, little dolls and go-carts. And later in the drawing-room grown men sitting flat upon the floor, renewed their acquaintance with marbles and spinning tops to the derision and scorn of the observers, and grown women played again with wax babies, to the infinite amazement of the real children of the house, who looked on in sober disapproval of the frivolity of their elders.

The favors may be as cheap as it is pleased to have them, but they must be clever if they are to add anything to the gaiety, not of nations but of neighbors.

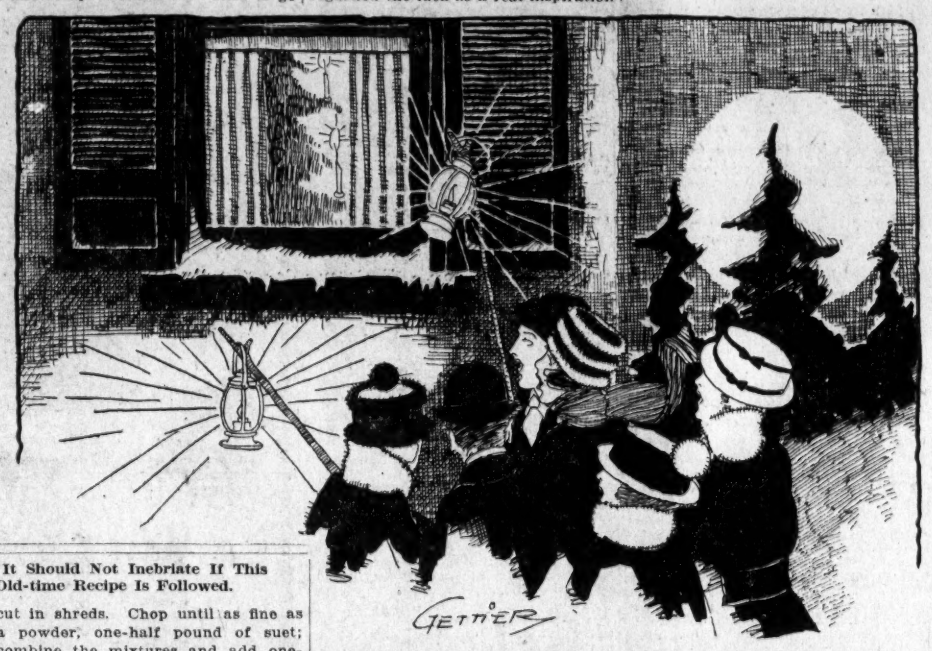
Christmas Waits Revived

How One Neighborhood Restored This Old Custom

"NEVER," said the lady who carried six wreaths of holly on one arm and a miniature Christmas tree with both hands, to her neighbor in the street car, "Never have I had so good a time as on last Christmas Eve, and we are going to do it again this year."

"I wish that man would take his old hobby horse off my lap," whispered her neighbor, irritably. "Do what again?"

"Go a-waiting," replied the other, shifting her tree the better to protect her nose from the tickle of the mistletoe carried by the man hanging to the strap above her. "That is go out as waits. You thought the waits were all dead and gone, did you not? Then listen, my dear: You know that I live in a suburban place where the neighbors are sufficiently far apart not to know what each other is going to have for dinner, and where there is a maximum of friendliness with a minimum of intimacy; which is the very nicest way a neighborhood can be, I think. At all events, I had a house party of relatives over last Christmas and at dinner on Christmas Eve someone suggested that we go to the various nearby houses and sing the Christmas carols. The rest of us regarded the idea as a real inspiration and at ten o'clock we started forth."



"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old."

"At the first house at which we stopped we began 'Come Hither Ye Faithful,' and the people in the house, who were trimming the tree, came running excitedly to the windows, and as soon as they realized what we were about, joined in the singing, so that really a respectable volume of sound was raised.

"We sang three carols here and when we went on some of these people shuffled into their coats and came with us, and there was snow on the ground, and what with the lanterns, and what with the holly wreaths we carried, we made a picturesque group. Well we sang at twenty houses that night and at each one or two people joined us, so that when at midnight we began:

"'It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old'

it sounded like a great church choir.

"The echoes of our adventure have not died out of that neighborhood yet. People still tell me that when in the midst of their labors there arose on the still winter air the words:

"'God rest ye, merry gentlemen, let nothing ye dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born this happy day'

they felt a thrill such as they had not experienced for many a year, for it came to them suddenly there in the midst of their worldly diversions the real meaning of the season of peace on earth, good will to men, and they say that the thrill remained long after we had passed."

"It could be done in our neighborhood, I suppose," said the friend, not noticing that the hobby horse, with distended nostrils, now stared her in the face.

"Of course it could. Try it and see how much pleasure it gives you and everyone else," answered the woman with the tree, as she took up her burden and staggered toward the door.

What Shall I Have for Dinner?

A Tentative Menu For The Christmas Feast With Some Housewifely Hints Included.

THE Christmas dinner is undoubtedly the most important feast of the entire year. For it are reserved delicacies which appear at no other time. No longer the boar's head and the peacock in his feathers, perhaps, but goodies even more appealing to the modern palate. What these shall be is determined in part by that section of the country or of the world in which you live. Tiny Tim, if you remember, thought that roast goose eked out by mashed potatoes and apple sauce formed a dinner fit for a king. And in some parts of this country goose is still considered the Christmas fowl, par excellence. But not so generally. Generally the turkey, bravest and most beautiful of birds—when cooked—forms the piece de resistence of the Christmas dinner as it did of the Thanksgiving one.

Many housekeepers make the mistake of having a too-elaborate meal on the twenty-fifth of December, a day when the edge is taken off numberless appetites by a previous nibbling of sweets. The menu should be well selected, not unduly heavy lest we begin the New Year with disturbed digestions, but substantial enough to satisfy those who do not eat before meals.

The following courses should satisfy even the most exigeante:

Oysters on the half shell
Bouillon Bread sticks
Olives, celery, cranberry sauce
Roast turkey
Creamed hominy or mashed potatoes
Sauer kraut or peas
Romaine lettuce with a Roquefort dressing
Plum pudding Brandy sauce
Frozen Pudding Cake Bonbons
Crackers, cheese, cafe noir.

This menu, as any housewife will see at a glance, is merely tentative and may be changed at will. For instance, many of the guild will consider the frozen pudding superfluous and will omit it. Different vegetables will suggest themselves to others, and still others will omit some of the courses altogether. It does not matter how simple is the Christmas dinner, as a matter of fact if the dishes are well cooked, the table is attractively decorated, and the spirit of Christmas is present to lend good cheer.

Last week suggestions for decorating the Christmas table were given on this page, but I did not add then that the viands themselves may be made decorative. Red, white and green are the colors of this great feast, and these may be conspicuous in the good things served. A pleasing effect is obtained by serving the cranberry jelly in one great star-shaped mold, or in individual molds in the shape of a star. In the latter case one is placed at each plate, of course.

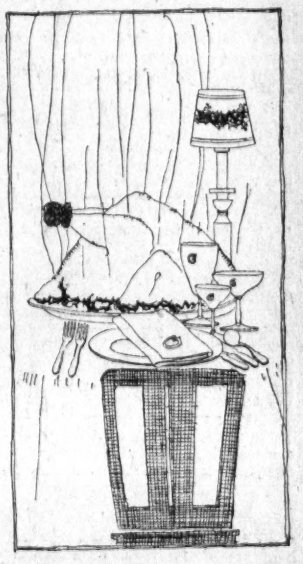
The salad may consist of a macedoine of vegetables—celery, beets and lettuce—arranged in a great star on a large flat dish. If mince pies instead of plum puddings form the dessert, make them in tart pans and ornament with a star of whipped cream.

The plum pudding itself may be made an interesting feature if it is steamed in a long cylindrical mold and scored to represent a Yule log. When it has been decorated with sprays of holly, has had brandy poured about it and a match set to the brandy, and is brought in blazing, the excitement will be intense.

Even the turkey may be decorated with frills—easily cut from stiff white paper—about his neck and legs, and with tiny balls of potatoes, stars cut from beets, and bunches of parsley surrounding him on the dish.

The housekeeper is herewith warned not to forget the decorative qualities of cranberries. Cranberries speared upon toothpicks, look not unlike cherries, and used to garnish a salad for instance, will turn a prosaic dish into one of great beauty which will delight the eyes of all beholders.

Take it all in all the fruits of the earth are not to be despised as picturesque material.



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THE CUP THAT CHEERS

And It Should Not Inebriate If This Old-time Recipe Is Followed.

WITH a wave of prohibition sweeping over the country one wonders if it is safe even to give a recipe for egg-nog, and yet there are regions, convivial regions, where Christmas is not considered the real thing unless a great bowl of this drink is placed on some convenient table where guests, as Gairy Gamp would say—or was it Betsy Prig—may put their lips to it "whenever they feel so disposed."

So here's a recipe for it, an old and tried recipe which has been handed down in one family for generations. And it's a beverage to tempt the anchorite:

Beat the yolks of twelve eggs to a cream with one-half pound of powdered sugar; pour in slowly one-half pint of brandy, one-half pint rum, and four wine glasses of brown sherry. Fold in the whites of the eggs beaten to a stiff froth, and add one pint of cream and two quarts of milk.

Some persons substitute whiskey for the sherry, and it will do equally well.

As necessary to Christmas cheer as egg-nog, in the minds of many people, is the plum pudding with which the Christmas dinner so often ends. There are a thousand recipes for plum pudding, all of which bear so strong a family resemblance that they may be suspected of having sprung from the same mother. Here is one that has been tested in scores of households.

Plum pudding: Soak one-half pound of stale bread crumbs in one cup of scalded milk and let stand until cool; then add one-fourth pound of sugar, the beaten yolks of four eggs, one-half pound of raisins, seeded and floured, one-fourth pound of currants, one-fourth pound of chopped figs and two ounces of citron cut in shreds. Chop until as fine as a powder, one-half pound of suet; combine the mixtures and add one-fourth cup wine and brandy mixed, one-half a grated nutmeg, three-fourths teaspoon cinnamon, one-third teaspoon cloves, one-third teaspoon mace, one and one-half teaspoon salt, and the beaten whites of the four eggs.

A brandy sauce should be served with this. There are of course vandals who use a hard sauce with it, but these are the people who love to smash traditions.

Brandy sauce: Mix one-half cup sugar, one-half tablespoon corn starch, and a few grains of salt. Add gradually, while stirring constantly, one cup boiling water, and boil five minutes. Remove from fire, add one tablespoon lemon juice and two tablespoons brandy. Serve smoking hot.

THE TOWNBREDS & their Country Place

By Edward Riddle Padgett.

Christmas At Five Oaks

THEIR first Christmas in the country! And the Townbreds determined it should be a banner one; moreover, that it should be quite different from the apartment-house sort they had observed before they moved out to Five Oaks.

So preparations were begun in ample time. It was rather startling when the "lists" had been made. In the city, for instance, they had had but one servant and the janitor to remember. But in the country—well, there were two servants and a dozen other worthy servitors who had been called in from time to time for "odd jobs"—and would be called in again!

But there were compensations. Many of the things needed for a country gentleman's celebration of Christmas were to be found right on said country gentleman's place — provided he had proved himself a farmer and not wholly an "agriculturist." And Mr.—or, to be exact—Mrs. Townbred had. Under her management the past summer the crops had waxed fat and prosperous.

For their Christmas dinner a lordly gobbler, grown insolent indeed since he had escaped the Thanksgiving ax, was sacrificed; and a squealing little pig was caught, properly attended to and placed on the biggest meat dish with a rosy apple in his mouth.

Then, too, there were pies from the Townbred's own pumpkins; cider from apples gathered on the Townbred place; to say nothing of the common run of vegetables such as potatoes, celery, canned tomatoes and corn, etc.—all of them raised within sight of the house.

But the high-tide of their pride was reached when, a day or two before Christmas, Mr. Townbred returned with a medium-sized Christmas tree—cut from off their own woodland!

And on Christmas Eve, apparently, old Santa Claus had no difficulty locating them at their new address, for when Christmas morning dawned the tree was all trimmed and ablaze with candles, and mysteriously wrapped parcels fairly littered the living room.

Then the celebration began—even before breakfast, mind you!

For Mrs. Townbred, carefully bound up in many, many layers of tissue paper and then further concealed in a large hat box, there was a miniature hoe, which cost all of fifteen cents, tied with red ribbon, and meant as a reminder of her agricultural achievements. There was real consternation in her face when she found it; though that quickly changed to an almost childish joy and surprise when Mr. Townbred gave her her real present—a watch of peculiar design which she had long admired.

Then Mr. Townbred reveled for a while in such things as a new robe for his auto, a dressing gown guaranteed to keep out the cold even in a country living room, a box of cigars selected by a mutual man friend and therefore smokable and, of course, the inevitable "something for the house" which a wife somehow considers a suitable Christmas present for "hubby." Christmas greetings were exchanged with the unwrapping of each present.

And then the servants were called in. For Virgie, the cook, there were such things as a new handbag, a dozen handkerchiefs, several pairs of stockings, one of Mrs. Townbred's old hats trimmed over, a pair of gloves, a box of candy and a bowl of nuts and—a five dollar bill in an envelope.

And John, too, received an envelope, a new pipe with a large jar of tobacco; but the thing which held him spellbound in admiration was a pair of high-top rubber boots, their red tops shining out against the black rubber like the red band on the black funnel of a Trans-Atlantic steamer.

Virgie had a little remembrance for Mrs. Townbred, and one with which the latter was really delighted—two "all over aprons," hand-made, to be worn when she was fussing around with her chickens and collecting the eggs from their nests.

And Mutt? Their little Cuban poodle who ruled the roost? Was he remembered? Was he? Why, bless us, if every child in the United States had as good a chance of being remembered on Christmas Day as had Mutt, there'd be not a single hearthstone in the land without its Christmas cheer.

But Mutt, somehow, wasn't exactly crazy about his Christmas present. It was a little red and black sweater—red body with black collar and black around the edges. Truth to tell, the pampered rascal didn't quite know what it was, though he smelled at it suspiciously as Mr. Townbred leaned down and showed it to him.

Alas, however, when his master had seized him and, despite his struggles, pulled it on over his head and forced his front legs through the proper openings, Mutt was no longer in doubt. To judge from his actions, he didn't care if Christmas never came again.

He rolled over and over on the floor, bit and pawed at the offensive garment and finally darted madly up the stairs, through the rooms on the second floor, downstairs again, through the kitchen and out into the back yard where Gene, the Townbred's collie, took one look at his changed playmate and himself beat it for the far edge of the corn-field.

And when Mutt finally did return, convinced that he couldn't run away from it, the sweater was a sight to behold. So, to let the little rascal see that all Christmas presents weren't quite so unpleasant, he was given a bite or two of the especially choice meat that Santa Claus had left for Gene.

Then came breakfast, and such a one as befits a Christmas morning in the country—sausage from your own hogs, scrapple, eggs just out of the nest, buckwheat cakes—the old-fashioned "black" kind—and milk which would pass in any city as "double cream."

After breakfast, of course, there were a few little remembrances to be sent to neighbors. So John—overjoyed at the opportunity, for it meant a "tip" at every house visited—was allowed to depart with the parcels on Lady Flirt, Mr. Townbred's fine saddle mare.

The pampered little rascal didn't quite know what it was.

And the Townbreds hooked Old Bob to the sleigh—of course it was a "white Christmas"—and drove merrily over to wish several of their more intimate neighbors a "Merry Christmas"—which meant more hilarity and Christmas cheer.

Late in the afternoon dinner was served and every living thing on the Townbred place—even including Ichi, the tame duck—ate to "the bursting point."

Then followed an afternoon of "open house," with numerous Christmas goodies, liquids and tid-bits, with friends "just dropping in" to exchange the season's greetings.

And in the evening a long sleigh ride, bells a-jingle, under the smiling stars to the county-seat, where a big "country-side" dance lasted until the wee sma' hours.

A dash homeward over the sparkling snow amidst a long procession of sleighs, their occupants calling out to each other gaily and singing—in tune or out of tune, but singing nevertheless—the old-fashioned songs—

—Christmas in the country!

Beat it, nay, even equal it in the city—if you can!

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LITTLE FABLES OF THE BUSINESS WORLD

The Real Thing

THERE was once a certain Young Man who Went In For this Christmas-Gift Stuff for the same reason most Everybody does—because he Had To.

He took it Seriously and he wished there really was a Santa Claus.

Being a Popular Hombre this Gift-Stuff took a Hefty Fall out of him each year. He had a Good Memory so he couldn't rely on the Usual Alibi.

He made out Christmas Gift Lists and went over them for Several Round Trips making Stop-Overs to be sure he hadn't Missed any Stations. And on each Trip he would Add another Name.

Of course Efficiency was his Watchword—and he never Planked Down One Plunk for a Christmas present when Something that Would Do Just As Well could be Hog-Tied for Four Bits. There's no doubt about it, he was a Careful Cuss that way!

With the exception of Pa and Ma and Brother Bill and Sister Sue and Her there wasn't a Person he "Remembered" whom he wouldn't rather have Forgot. But he feared Said Persons would "Remember" him and he couldn't bear the thought of Looking like a Piker or like a fellow who didn't understand the Real Spirit of Christmas. That was why he was willing to be such a Goat.

To look at him, you'd think he wanted Xmas to come as regularly as his Board Bill. If he had Six Kids writing Notes to Santa Claus and a half-dozen Presents for them to Smuggle in the Back Way along with the Tree, he couldn't have seemed More Interested.

Among those who knew him he was a Yuletide Bull's-Eye. Send him any old thing, they said, and he's There with a Comeback worth having—with a 100 per cent. sure-fire Profit to them.

The dear Girls never gave him a

It never failed.

Chance. They didn't even wonder whether or not he would Come Across. They just marked him down as Present when counting up the Gifts they hoped to Get. And Old Reliable never Disappointed. They used to laugh at his Tissue Paper, Red Ribbon and Christmas Seals, but they lost no time getting the Little Visitor unwrapped.

Now Our Hero wasn't really as Christmassy as he seemed. He had a Grouch on because he always Came Out at the short end of the Horn. He meted with good measure but, alas, he never Received It in return. The Exchange of Presents always left him on the Small End.

If he sent a Book—just by way of showing how Bad it was—he invariably got a Christmas Card in return. If he sent a box of Real Cigars, he'd be handed a tin can of Pipe Fuel. If he instructed a Five Pound Box of Candy to convey his "Merry Christmas" to a Damsel, he'd get in return a Scented Note of appreciation with a Sprig of Holly Label pasted on the Back.

But there was one place where he got more than his Money's Worth. He could have sent his Bank Book and his Hope of Salvation to that place as Christmas Remembrances and still come out On Top when he opened his Come-back from there.

That place was his Home and the Come-back was the Box his Ma always sent. Our Hero, you see, lived in a Different Burg and existed in a Boarding House. And always this Box reached him on Christmas Eve. It never failed.

He'd lug it up to his Room and straightway Get Busy with an Ax.

Then he'd Gloat over his Treasures like a Miser. Chocolate cake! Preserves! Home-made pickle! Mince Pie! Sweet Cider! Ginger cookies! Fruit cake! A genuine ham, already Baked. Rolls that Ma herself had made! Woolen socks and even the inevitable Red Flannel chest protector!

That was something like!

That was the Real Thing!

Why, that was Christmas!

Moral:—Let the Home Folks know where you are!

SEASONABLE JOTTINGS

DO not give only to those who gave to you last year. Send at least one present to someone who does not expect it, to whom it will come as a surprise and consequently as a delight; to some lonely and sad old person, preferably.

Tie up your bundles attractively. A little white tissue paper and red ribbon, a sprig of holly, will glorify even the least expensive gift.

Pity the sorrows of the poor old saleswoman and do not harrow her feelings any more than is absolutely necessary this week; do not expect her to decide whether the blue or the pink pin-cushion is the prettier; do not demand her judgment as to what you had best give your mother-in-law.

Now more than at any other time of the year procrastination is the thief of time.

And now for Christmas Eve. Is there anyone here who would not like to be a child again on that day; to feel the old thrill, to hear the mysterious whispers in the hall, and glimpse the bundles hidden under coats.

Put candles as well as wreaths in your windows to welcome the Christchild.

And be sure to hang up your stocking.

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TOP O' THE MORNING

Every kind word which we might have spoken which we have not spoken is sin. Every kind deed we should have done and have not done is sin.
—GEORGE H. C. M'GREGOR.

Political gossip is getting rife in North Carolina.

Looky, who's gonna be here bright and early nex' Sadday!

When it comes to the reasons why one army whips another, Napoleon was right.

We are liable to have a break with Austria, but it is not liable to make Austria any less cocky than she is.

Our old friend Jonah Speller says he intends to bet on the Chicago nominees, so he will be sure that Woodrow Wilson will win.

Our idea of being in a state of expectancy is how the pretty girls will feel till Christmas is over and New Year's has passed.

At every period in the world's history there are men whose greatest fitness is for "treason, strategem and spoils"—especially the spoils.

Rudyand Kipling, the English poet, writes: "Damn all neutrals!" Also any poet who says "the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

It is stated that Secretary Redfield has side whiskers, but that is the first intimation we have had that he is liable to try to have his own way in the cabinet.

The Raleigh police a few days ago captured about 400 pints of liquid Santa Claus. How'dye like to be a Raleigh cop from now on till after Christmas?

Our idea of precaution is that of a man who never kicks the family cat till he can find it on the back porch out of hearing of the cat's reinforcements.

Teddy seems to be preparing the way to have some sort of excuse for running for President to keep the country from becoming so infamous that it won't get to war.

Congress was not in session many days before the Christmas holiday vacation, but it passed many important bills. About the first of January a lot of us will pass several bills of our own.

They say "the biggest fool is the old fool," but the most egregiously deluded person is the individual who relapses into such a state of stultifaction as to be fooled by an old fool. An old fool has been known to fool as many of 'em as they have of him.

The New Year will soon be here but as yet there has been no tumultuous demand of the masses for some of us who would appreciate it if we were forced by public clamor to risk the responsibility of office.

Says the Jacksonville Times-Union: "A man has simply got to pose as a hero at home—no matter what he is on the outside." On the outside he takes advantage of being at large and poses as "one of the boys" till it's time to return home and resume his homelike fortitude.

A prophet predicted years ago that one of the signs that the world would be nearing its end would be the increased self-assertiveness of women in the matter of rights and influence. We hope the women will let up when they realize that if the world comes to an end the blame will surely be put on them.

This country is as big as all outdoors and yet some folks don't see any use of having it properly safeguarded. The Chinese once thought that about their country, but the Chinamen have found out that it is too late to realize that they fooled themselves into a state of false security. We ought to display more horse sense that "the childlike and bland" men of the Celestial Empire.

ROOSEVELT ROARING AGAIN

Colonel Roosevelt is roaring again, notably in an article contributed by the former President to the Cosmopolitan Magazine for January. The article is little less than vicious, and the Colonel for some reason or other seems to deem it necessary to write something so he can have an opportunity to make a savage attack on President Wilson. Another reason, perhaps, is that the magazine pays him a good salary as a regular monthly contributor, for the purpose of boosting its circulation. Anyhow, the President's foreign policy never has been satisfactory to the sage of Oyster Bay, and in the very nature of things never can be, and the more he thinks about it the more outrageously dissatisfactory the present administration is. It reminds Teddy of Taft's administration, which he regards with about as much contempt as he does that of Wilson.

Roosevelt hates the very idea of seeing anybody but himself trying to run the government, and, since it is not conducted to suit him, he proposes to fly-blow it every chance he gets. He takes chances every now and then, and in every article he gets worse and worse. He seems to be "ashy" about two things. One is that Wilson is running what he considers a wishy-washy administration and the other is that Taft is "tagging after" Wilson and making himself obnoxious to the only famous Rough Rider this country has ever had. He goes out of his way to swat Professor Taft because he has not deemed it proper to relapse into security and stay there. Since Taft is officious enough to run around the country every now and then expressing the opinion that the country is fairly safe under the Wilson administration, Roosevelt makes him one of Wilson's notorious accomplices.

Professor Taft has been carrying on in such a manner that the Colonel has bunched him in with Wilson and gives him a share of the lambasting. Dr. Taft has endeavored to be somewhat generous toward President Wilson and thinks he is entitled to respect as the country's President, although he has let somebody conduct affairs in the Philippines in a way that the Professor can not stand) for that. That does not make an extenuating circumstance in favor of the Professor, whose main reprehensibility lies in the fact that he has "tagged after" Wilson in so many other things that he has to take part of what is coming to Wilson at the hands of the Colonel.

The late Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, once declared in the Senate that "Roosevelt's natural gait is running away," so it is only like Teddy to run away with the idea that nobody can run this country but himself. He has never forgiven Taft for trying to be president, and Wilson's incumbency is positively trying to his soul. Just at the time the President is off on his honeymoon, the Rough Rider makes an assault on him in a manner that ought to disgust Americans who are any ways respectful of the head of the government.

Teddy's roaring only makes Taft laugh. He has noticed how Teddy has been roaring before this. In a recent speech before the Chicago Association of Commerce, Professor Taft endorsed President Wilson's preparedness programme and referred to the Colonel's cavortings in a humorous way. "He has been belaboring Mr. Wilson and me," said Dr. Taft, "but I do not know that I can better respond than by repeating a story my father used to tell about a Scotch preacher. The Scotch dominine took as his text: 'The devil is like a roaring lion going about seeking whom he may devour.' He said: 'I shall divide my text into three parts. In the first place, I shall inquire, Who the devil he is? Seconly, I shall inquire, Where the devil is he going? And, third, I shall close with a discussion as to what the devil is he roaring about?'"

That's just it. What is the Colonel roaring about? Who is he trying to devour? Why is he trying to eat Wilson and Taft at the same time? Probably it is the Roosevelt way of creating a demand for himself as president. Even the rock-ribbed old New York Tribune, which used to say that Roosevelt had outlived his usefulness, has said here of late that he is the fittest candidate the Republicans can nominate at Chicago.

Well, fit men for president must be scarce with the Republican party!

BAD ROADS HOLD THE FARMERS BACK.

On Thursday the manufacture of oil from soy beans was demonstrated at Elizabeth City, N. C., by the Elizabeth City Oil & Fertilizer Company. Government experts were there to explain the process and point out to the farmers the possibilities in the production of soy beans. The idea was that it was an easy matter for the beans to be converted into a merchantable oil and a meal of rare value for human consumption and dairy cattle feed. This important demonstration was given for the benefit of the farmers of Pasquotank and adjacent counties, but owing to rain and the horrible condition of the roads, a newspaper account says only about thirty farmers were present.

This matter of manufacturing oil from soy beans is something new under the sun. Farmers ought to have gone to the demonstration from a hundred miles on either side of Elizabeth City. They could not do it. It rained and the roads made it impossible for them to go and become interested in a great agricultural opportunity that was going to be demonstrated right before their eyes. Immense yields of soy beans is the rule in Eastern North Carolina, and the fact that they can be used in the manufacture of oil and soy bean meal shows that a great market can be industrially provided for this valuable farm products. It is too bad that the roads were such that it prevented the farmers from getting in touch with a possibility of tremendous scope.

In a Georgia county last week it rained. There was nothing new in the fact that it rained, but all the same the farmers took advantage of it to haul wood to town. Rain interfered with farm work but it did not interfere with hauling wood to town and carrying back some cash. Good roads made it possible.

Some one asked the farmers why they did not wait till the rain was over and then haul in their wood. "You see," answered a farmer, "because of the fact that we have good roads, we can haul wood rain or shine. When we did not have good roads we had to stay at home and do nothing till it quit raining. The roads now furnish us an opportunity to haul wood when there is nothing else to be done on the farm."

READY-BUILT HOMES FOR HOMESEEKERS

It is said that from one to two million people in the United States are annually on the move, seeking homes and opportunities somewhere else than in the locality or state in which they have failed to make a satisfactory living. They become homeseekers as well as opportunity seekers, and the locality with homes and opportunities all in none is the one that gets them. Nearly every state and section in the South is anxious to attract homeseekers but most of them have no methods or plans by which to attract them. Coffee county, Georgia, has long sought homeseekers, but the result was discouraging. Now, however, a new plan has been hit upon, according to this from the Savannah News:

"Coffee county is not waiting for settlers to come there to find homes. If the plan of the Douglas Chamber of Commerce is carried out the homes will first be provided and then settlers will be invited. There is no doubt that Coffee county has the resources and facilities to offer colonists attractive inducements. Systematic and co-operative effort is all that is needed to make the dream of greater development of her resources a reality."

The Douglas chamber of Commerce is going to try a plan that is bound to succeed. Farms will be laid off and neat homes will be built upon them, and the farms and homes will be sold on terms to suit homeseekers. All they will have to do is to pay cash, or part cash, move in and go to work. Many a homeseeker will be attracted by that plan.

THE ONE-TERM PLANK

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal remarks that "as the one-term plank was put in the platform by Mr. Bryan for Mr. Bryan's own ambition, Woodrow Wilson can say it never touched him." Whereupon the esteemed Jacksonville Times-Union observes:

"The plank is not half as important as the fact that the candidate was personally and specifically pledged to it. If Charles Murphy or Tom Taggart or Roger Sullivan had accepted a Democratic nomination coupled with the pledge that he would not take a second term no one would ever think of the possibility of his violating his pledge. No one except a progressive Democrat could violate a pledge and be holier than ever."

The platform never pledged the nominee of the Baltimore convention to stand for only one term. It pledged the party to an effort to so amend the constitution that it would prevent more than one term for a president—not Wilson but any president elected after the constitution shall have been amended. We don't know that the party has made any effort to carry out the platform pledge to change the constitution, but if there is any failure to carry out that pledge it rests on the party. Till the constitution is changed it will not prevent Wilson or any other American from being elected provided the people say so.

INDUSTRIAL LOCATIONS

To the Editor of The Star.

I notice in your article of December 16, on a co-operative plan to secure industries outlined by Mr. Hugh MacRae, one portion of the article is headed "when Southport fell down." "As I was directly interested in that proposition and have heard the matter quoted so often as against Southport's wanting anything, I want to correct a wrong impression. In this instance while it would undoubtedly have been a good thing for Southport to have secured the Waccamaw Lumber Company fell down. Mr. Clark, the father of Mr. C. E. Clark, and another member of the company sent for me to come down to the Stuart House as they were looking after the purchase of some property for the above lumber company, and stated they wanted to locate on the harbor at or near Southport and would want about 125 acres of land and water frontage to correspond. I told them I only knew of one piece of property to fill their bill and that belonged to the Southport Land Company, a Philadelphia syndicate; they have more property than you want, but two factions are contending for the ownership of this property and it can be bought at a bargain. It consists of 8,000 feet of water frontage, without a break, and 650 acres of land adjoining it, and the entire property can be had for $80,000. You can locate yourselves where you please and by your development the land and frontage for your use can be had for nothing and you can clear no less than $100,000 by the transaction, but they flew into the air at the idea of investing $8,0000 for terminal and mill site at Southport. It would have been a vastly better and more economical shipping point and as said before their site not only secured for nothing but at a profit. You won't have to consult many business men with shipping interests to find out what owning 8,000 feet of water frontage means on a deep water harbor like Southport's including so much land adjoining and back of it, and I don't believe there is another such piece of property to be had at any other port so capable of the necessary development for the making of big money. Compare it, if you please, with Mr. MacRae's property up the various creeks near Wilmington, "I don't mean to say that the property they are offering is not well worth the price they are asking and well suited for the purpose they are anxious to use it for, but the properties are so differently located, and with the development here that Southport deserves and is sure to get, it would be hard for anyone to foretell the future value of this property. I will leave it to the people of Wilmington and the Waccamaw people themselves to say if they were badly treated, the property at that time had to be sold as a whole or not at all, a very bad state of affairs for Southport we will admit.

Very truly yours,
W. H. PYKE.
Southport, N. C., Dec. 17, 1915.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce hold that the members ought, as individuals, to take part in the activities of the chamber. But they do not stop with saying so—they find a plan whereby it is practically certain that these individual members will whirl in and take part—a difference between theory and practice that will be something new, in this part of the country—Greensboro News.

Iredell and Catawba counties saved small sums as the result of the operation of the salary laws, and it is probable that some of the opponents of the salary system are contending that the difference is not worth the trouble. Even if a county should lose money on the salary system, it should be in force. The fee system ought to be abolished in every county in the State, and be put down for good.—Hickory Record.

Mr. Charles Geissenhainer, whose matrimonial adventures, were given some notice in yesterday's paper, is the Northern gentleman who some years ago volunteered his services as leader for a Charlotte mob to assault the county jail and lynch a negro, but whose services were hootingly and jeeringly declined. Geissenhainer learned that this is not a country of mobbers and lynchers and the enlightenment impressed him in such a manner that he was moved to shake the dust of the town from his feet. The incident recalled was a remarkable demonstration of the mistaken impression some Northern people hold of Southern sentiment toward the negro and of Southern respect for the law.—Charlotte Observer.

The whole city sympathizes with the parents of the little girl who was burned fatally in their home yesterday afternoon. It will be a very sad Christmas for them. The mother and the elder sister who did what they could to save her acted with heroic promptness, although they could not prevent the cruel fire from destroying the baby life. May not this tragedy, so very much deplored, serve to emphasize the very great need of carefulness so far as little children are concerned during the season of fires, and especially during the holidays? Open grates are dangerous unless they are properly screened. That has been demonstrated over and over, and it was not very long ago that a movement, which did not assume very large proportions was started in several states either to eliminate open grates altogether or to have every one of them screened to prevent just such accidents as that of yesterday. The movement should have been kept alive until it removed this ever present danger to little children. Everybody enjoys an open grate fire on cold days; it is cheerful, and the leaping flames add something very pleasant to family living rooms, but it would be just as cheerful, just as pleasant and far safer if the grate was screened.—Savannah news.

The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce is pursuing a course which is certain to eventuate in much good for Raleigh, and for the farmers who deal in Raleigh, if there is carried out by that organization the programme of co-operation between the buyers of the city and the sellers of the country such as is now being given attention by President Park and his associates. What is needed in Raleigh is some half-way ground upon which there can be a meeting between the people of the country who have things to sell and the people of Raleigh—merchants and householders—who wish to make purchases. As it is there is a "hit and miss" policy which is now the rule, a policy which should find its end. One illustration will show what can be done by co-operative effort. Here is a farmer who brings a load of wood to Raleigh to sell. Two courses are open to him. One that he go from house to house and offer his wood; the other that he station his wagon at some place about the city and wait for a possible purchaser to happen along. Of course the reference is here to the farmer who has not in advance arranged for customers for his wood. Now such things as this—and the application is general and not confined to the sale of wood—show that the Chamber of Commerce can take a hand which will be of value to the man selling and the man buying. The proposition is that the Chamber arrange to have the wants of citizens passed on to it, and that the people of the country be invited to notify the organization of what they have to sell. In this way the two extremes of the transaction can be brought together to the advantage of both. It is understood that the Chamber of Commerce is at work on a programme of co-operation between the city and country. Its success in getting a workable plan will be a good thing for Raleigh and for the people from the country who have things to sell in Raleigh.—Raleigh News and Observer.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS OF WILMINGTON MUCH ENTHUSED

Over Reports of Progress Made by Denomination During Year.

Great enthusiasm was manifested among local Seventh-day Adventists when they learned of the unusual progress made by their denomination during the past year, as given in a report that has just been received from the world's headquarters of the church in Washington, D. C. Extracts of this report, which was compiled by H. E. Rogers, statistical secretary of the denomination, have been sent broadcast throughout North America, in order that the believers might learn of the way their church has advanced.

One of the remarkable statements in the report is that "The actual net gain in membership for the year 1914 was greater than the entire membership of the denomination throughout the world as it stood thirty years after this movement had begun its work."

The report says further:

"At the close of 1914, the total membership was 125,844, a gain during the year of 11,287, or 9.85 per cent. The gain for 1913 was 8,180, or 7.16 per cent., and that was the largest gain ever recorded up to that time. The gain for 1914 was greater than that reported for the preceding year by 3,107.

The number of baptisms during the year was 14,999. The net difference between the gain of members and the number of baptized is 3,712.

"The amount of money raised as offerings to foreign missions in the North American division was $165,565.95; the membership in this division is 72,015. This amount is therefore an average of $8.55 for each member. The significance of this last amount will be better understood when it is explained that the latest available reports indicate that for 1913 the average per capita contributions on the part of the members of all the Protestant bodies in the United States was 63 cents. The figures ranged from $1.93, the highest, for the Moravian bodies, to twenty-one cents per member for the lowest.

"For years the number of companies and their membership as well as the number of baptized scattered believers have been shown in the rport, but in harmony the vote taken at the last session of the General Conference, this information has been discontinued. The aggregate communicants thus dropped out of the report would be approximately 15,000. That is to say, the plan of omitting the membership of companies and scattered believers accounts for the elimination of approximately 15,000 communicants from all reference in this report.

"The number of organized churches at the close of 1914 was 3,702, a gain during the year of 113, or 3.15 per cent

"This work is now carried forward in 87 different countries, by a force of laborers comprised as follows: ordained ministers, 926; licensed ministers, 565; licensed missionaries, 1,454; colporteurs, 2,076, secretaries, 292; total evangelistic laborers, 5,313.

"Other laborers are engaged in lines of work as follows: Teachers in mission schools, primary schools, and colleges, 1,616; employed in publishing houses, 735; in sanitariums and treatment rooms, 1,696; a total of 4,047 institutional laborers. If to this be added the 5,313 evangelistic laborers, there is secured a grand total of 9,360 laborers engaged in all lines of denominational work, or one laborer for every thirteen members.

"The total funds contributed for evangelistic work by members of the denomination during 1914 were $3,090,484.80, a per capita of $24.56. This amount contributed is greater than the preceding year by $223,757.40, the per cent. of increase being 7.80. Of the total amount contributed $2,328,751.80 was from North America, or 75.35 per cent., and all other countries, $761,732.92, or 24.65 per cent.

"The amounts raised for the three general classes of funds were as follows: Tithe, $1,818,436.08, 58.84 per cent.; foreign mission offerings, $772,248.39, or 24.99 per cent.; home and local offerings, $499,800.33, or 16.17 per cent. The per capita for the mmebership in North America was $32.33, for all the members outside North America, $14.15, an average of $24.56.

"During the fifty-two years since this work has been organized, there has been contributed for evangelistic work alone, $31,675,894.76.

"At the close of 1914, the total valuation of the 1,449 church buildings was $2,226,561.38, an increase of $177,750.37 for the year. Donations and investments during 1914 increased the net worth of the denominational institutions approximately $500,000. A further expenditure of $484,682.55 was made in the support of denominational educational institutions, so that the grand total contributions for evangelistic work, the increased valuation of church buildings, and the support of, and investments in, denominational institutions during 1914 constitute a grand total of $41,461,202.86, an average of $35.45 for each church member throughout the world. For 1913 this average was $32.70, thus showing an increase of $2.75 per member for 1914.

WARREN M'KNIGHT.

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 19.—The local tobacco market will run three more days before closing for the Christmas holidays, closing Wednesday night and opening again after January 1. The Tobacco Board of Trade declares that the farmers will be benefited, since prices are about the best of the season. It is understood that fully a million pounds is expected to be handled here in the next three days. Last week's breaks were unusually heavy. Practically all the other markets in the bright leaf belt suspended for the holidays on Friday. The twenty-million-pounds season here is expected to last until the last of January.

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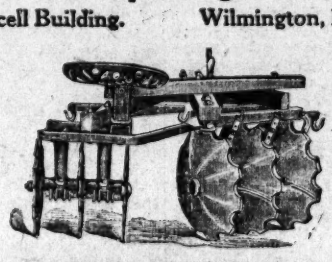

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Barium Springs Home Receives Splendid Gift.

Wilmington Philanthropists Will Establish Memorial Infirmary at The Presbyterian Institution —Acknowledged Joyfully.

Because of their policy of unostentation in making gifts and doing deeds of kindness and charity, it did not become known here until the past week that through the generosity and splendid philanthropy of Dr. James Sprunt and Mr. William H. Sprunt, members of the firm of Alexander Sprunt & Son, of this city, the Presbyterian Orphanage at Barium Springs, N. C., is to have a splendid new $15,000 infirmary, work on which will begin in the spring.

The splendid philanthropy of the Messrs Sprunt became known only through the medium of "Our Fatherless Ones," the Orphanage publication at Barium Springs, which announces the gift joyfully as perhaps the most generous Christmas gift that the institution has ever received. In announcing the receipt of the gift, "Our Fatherless Ones" says:

"The orphanage received a splendid Christmas gift last week from Messrs. W. H. and James Sprunt, of Wilmington, being a check for $15,000 to build the new infirmary. This splendid gift will come as a delightful surprise to the many friends of the Orphans' Home, who are always interested in any good fortune that comes to the orphanage. This is the large donation we promised to announce to our readers last week as a Christmas gift to the orphanage. People who are acquainted with the Sprunt Brothers will not be surprised at this announcement. This deed is not unusual with them. Our Heavenly Father has been pleased to prosper the Sprunts, and the city of Wilmington has been the recipient of their large generosity in many ways So it is the good fortune of the orphanage to receive such a large gift from them to be used in a cause that must come first in the love of our Saviour. They are philanthropists in the larger sense. The Sprunt brothers have set an example worthy of emulation, that of giving to charity during their life time. May God increase their clan in the church. We extend to them a vote of thanks from every friend of the orphan child. But there is a still higher commendation of them than we could give. Hear the Lord Jesus: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

From another item in the same paper, it is learned that plans are ready and that the new building will be known as the "Sprunt Memorial Infirmary." Work, it is stated, will begin next spring.

Barium Springs is delightfully situated between Charlotte and Statesville, N. C., and already has a splendid plant, the one need, it would seem, now being provided in the infirmary for the care and treatment of those little ones in the home, who may become sick or are afflicted. No higher service could have been performed than that of the Messrs. Sprunt in establishing this memorial at Barium Springs. Wilmington has shared largely in the philanthropy and good works of these gentlemen and it is a pleasure to record the extension of their charity and kindness in this larger sense to the unfortunate children of the Orphans' Home of the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina.

TO ISSUE NEW EDITION.

Merchants' Mercantile Agency May Issue Another Credit Guide.

Mr. L. T. Henderson, one of the advance representatives of The Merchants' Mercantile Agency, Hartje Building, Pittsburg, Pa., which the past year issued, in connection with the local merchants' association, "The Credit Experience Guide" for Wilmington and surrounding country, spent two days here the past week in conference with Secretary Louis Goodman, of the local association, with reference to the issuance of a new edition of the rating book for Wilmington and vicinity.

Whether the book will be issued will depend largely upon the interest manifested by business men and others.

The book issued last year was a very valuable publication for the retailer, and listed several thousand names in the city and surrounding towns. The information was generally complete, reliable and of great value to merchants issuing credit. The representatives have just completed valuable books in Raleigh, Greensboro, Rocky Mount, Newbern, Washington, Kinston and Greenville, and they hope to add Wilmington to the interchangeable list. If the work is undertaken, it will be early in the new year.

JEFFERSON LODGE TO DINE

Rally to Be Held on Thursday Night of This Week.—Invitations.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 61, Knights of Pythias, is preparing to entertain its members and visiting brethren on Thursday evening of this week, at a dinner and rally to be held in the lodge room at 8 o'clock, and a pleasant affair is promised. During the past week post card invitations have been mailed out and Keeper of Records and Seal N. S. Haskett is asking the recipients to notify him by return card whether or not they will attend.

The lodge will open and close in due form after which the Knights will proceed in a body to the dinner and the committee gives assurance that it will be a treat for the inner man. There will be speeches by prominent Pythians and other features of an altogether enjoyable nature.

SHERIFF COWAN HURT.

His Automobile Turned Over Near Seagate—Wheel Broken.

Sheriff S. P. Cowan suffered a painful accident yesterday afternoon, between 3 and 4 o'clock, at Seagate, when his automobile turned over and caught his left leg. The accident occurred as he was turning into the pike to Greenville Sound and his left front wheel collapsed. The sheriff left his automobile there and came back to the city to get medical attention. It was stated that he had passed through the dangerous accident without any serious injuries, his leg being painfully bruised as the principal injury.

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WHAT DUTY DEMANDS OF US

Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells Preaches Helpful Sermon on Fundamentals of Righteous Living.

Christ in condemning the Pharisees for their failure to give attention to the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy and faith, did not mean that they were wrong in the observance of the outward forms of the law, said Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells in his morning sermon at the First Presbyterian church yesterday. Dr. Wells pointed out that God expects men to assemble themselves together for worship and that the Bible clearly teaches that prayer is an essential part of the religious life but that true righteousness must go deeper than this.

"These things ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone," a clause from the 23rd verse of the 23rd chapter of Matthew, in which Christ's denunciation of the Pharisees is given, was the text chosen by Dr. Wells. The condemnation of the scribes was all the more severe, said Dr. Wells, because it came from a heart of tenderness.

The central meaning of the text may be stated in the word "ought," said Dr. Wells, and this word is practically synonymous with the word, "duty." Perhaps no better definition of the meaning of duty can be stated that that it is that which we owe to others. First of all, it is what we owe God, next what we owe to our neighbors and last what we owe to ourselves.

There are certain duties that are dependent upon no command of God or man but are obligations resting upon us because of the inherent relation of the affairs of the universe. The prohibition to do no murder, for instance, is not made a wrong because it is contained in the commandments but because the world is constituted so as to make it essentially wrong in itself. The same thing is true of stealing and other offenses.

Then there are duties imposed upon men because they are commanded by God, an instance of which may be named as the commandment to observe the Sabbath day. These duties are as binding as the others but have their source not in the inherent order of things but because they are ordered.

Doing justice and showing mercy was essentially a part of heart religion, Dr. Wells stated, and goes deeper than the observance of any outward form of worship. He declared that there is a growing sense of the need of justice in our dealings with our fellowman, particularly among the members of churches. More fundamental than either kindness or justice, however, is that of having faith. Without faith, religion has little meaning for men. We must believe in God and in His laws.

Dr. Wells showed that the Pharisees were among the best people of their day and they were strictly orthodox in their beliefs. They were zealous in the observance of all forms of religion and Christ's condemnation of them was not because of this but because they had forgotten the more essential features. If to their observance of the forms of religion, they had added the weightier matters of the law, there would have been no occasion for the denunciation of them.

Dr. Wells closed his sermon by telling of how when Nero had commanded certain citizens of Rome to appear on the stage, which was considered an ignoble thing for a Roman to do, one of them hesitated as to what he should do. He went to Flores and asked him what he should do, pointing out that if he refused that probably his property would be confiscated. Flores advised him to perform the task assigned by Nero. Then the man asked Flores. "Are you going to appear on the stage??" The old Roman replied that he was not but stated that he had not hesitated. His answer had been positive when he was first informed of what he would be expected to do. The obvious lesson was not pointed out by Dr. Wells.

SOLD LIQUOR TO MINOR

That is Charge Against Maggie Bentley and Mollie Spicer—Arrest

Angered early Saturday night when his son, a minor by several years, came home under the influence of liquor, a Mr. Hobbs, who lives at Delgado, came to town with several companions at once instituted an inquiry into the sources of the supply of his son's liquor, his investigation resulting in the arrest of Maggie Bentley, a white woman, No. 1119 North Tenth street, and Mollie Spicer colored, 1105 North Tenth, both of them said to be keepers of houses of decidedly questionable character. Mr. Hobbs and his companions had been told by the boy where the liquor had been purchased and they promptly verified his statements, they said, by purchasing both liquor and beer at the same places. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the women and they were taken in custody by Policeman J. O. Bullard shortly after 10 o'clock Saturday night. They will be given trial before Recorder Empie this morning. They remained in the lock-up yesterday.

ACQUITTED HIS CLIENT

William J. Bellamy, Esq., Returns From Norfolk Professional Trip.

William J. Bellamy, Esq., of the Wilmington bar, returned yesterday from Norfolk, Va., where during the past week in the court at Norfolk, he appeared as counsel for the defense in a case wherein John Simmons, colored, prominently connected in Wilmington, charged with the murder of another negro. Mr. Bellamy pleaded self defense for his client and the Norfolk papers reaching here yesterday say that the prisoner returned with his mother to North Carolina. Mr. Bellamy was employed by influential relatives of Simmons in Wilmington and made a splendid and successful plea for his client.

FUNERAL OF MR. HARDWICK.

Body Arrived Yesterday From Rocky Mount—Services Today.

The funeral of Mr. John Hardwick, whose death occurred Saturday night in the A. C. L. Hospital at Rocky Mount, where he had been taken for treatment, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the late residence, No. 10 Castle street. Interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

The body arrived yesterday on the evening train from Rocky Mount, and was taken to the late residence, in charge of the Odd Fellows, the deceased having been a member of Cape Fear Lodge, in this city.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—The 50th anniversary of the promulgation of the 13th amendment to the Federal Constitution, abolishing slavery, was celebrated here today. Various negro societies held services at the statues of Wendell Phillips, and Charles Sumner, famous anti-slavery champions, and later attended a mass meeting.

COUNTRY CLUB IMPROVEMENTS

Will Buy New Tract of Land Sufficient for 18-Hole Course—Unite Old Buildings.

The increasing membership and interest in the Cape Fear Country Club has made it necessary to make some extensive improvements, that will include the buying of an adjacent tract of land for the purpose of increasing the links to an 18-hole course, making various and sundry renovations and improvements, and the uniting of all the building of the club into one.

This club may be regarded as a permanent and successful institution for the promotion of healthful outdoor exercise, amid singularly attractive surroundings. As such it appeals to all who feel the need of occasional recreation, and a constantly increasing membership has made it necessary for the club to consider the purchase of additional land sufficient to contain an 18-hole course. It is therefore probable that in the near future that the club will acquire an adjacent tract of land to the present property, of sufficient acreage to permit the construction of 18 holes.

Owing to the favorable climate, peculiar to this section, golf may be played at all seasons of the year, an advantage possessed only by other clubs located in the far South. It is gratifying to record the increasing average in the number of daily players, and an especially large increase in the number of lady players.

The recent ladies' tournaments were remarkable for the larger number of entries than in any former tournaments. The result was some highly commendable scores.

The ever popular game of tennis finds may devotees among the members of the club and interest is being stimulated by the completion of one of the finest courts in the South. Under the direction of Mr. Geo. E. Kidder, captain of tennis, the main court has been laid of clay with a special surface dressing, rendering it weatherproof and affording very fast play.

Contract has been let for painting the club house and the work is in progress. New upholstering has been ordered for the assembly room. The work of improving and beautifying the interior is being pushed, in order to have the club house in readiness for the series of dances and receptions, already arranged for Christmas week. It is planned to have the several outside buildings made into one structure at a convenient distance from the club house, thus placing under one roof the professionals' office, the pump house and the garage.

This will result in a building of attractive appearance, added to by a pergola at each end of a type in harmony with the surroundings. Mr. James B. Lynch, of the Clark-Lynch Lumber Company, the architect, will co-operate with Development Engineer Meade, of the Tidewater Power Company, in making the building harmonize with the new station that the company is going to build there to accommodate the increased patronage, which has made a more commodious station necessary.

The general activities indicate the healthful life of the club and the outlook is most promising for an approaching season of enthusiastic attendance and pleasant social intercourse among the members.

DEBATE AT TRINITY

Hesperian Society Winner in Twenty-fourth Annual Contest.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Dec. 19.—The Hesperian Literary Society was the victor last night in the twenty-fourth annual inter-society debate, making a total of fourteen victories to ten for the Columbian Society. The debate was interesting and close throughout and was undoubtedly the best ever held.

The query debated was, "Resolved, That the United States should pursue a policy of military preparedness commensurate with the position of a first-class world power." The Hesperian speakers, defending the affirmative, were John H. Small, Jr., of Washington; Henry C. Greenburg, of Durham, and H. Carson West, of Durham, with Benjamin Muse, of Durham, as alternate. The Columbian team, upholding the negative, was composed of Eugene C. Few, of Greers, S. C.; Allan H. Gwyn, of Yanceyville, and L. Carr Allen, of Apex, with G. W. H. Britt, of Centerville, Pa., as alternate.

The debate was presided over by Professof E. C. Brooks, of the department of education; and the judges were Hon. Jones Fuller, Professor J. R. Conley, and Mr. L. P. McLendon, all of Durham.

The debate served also as a preliminary for the selection of one member of the intercollegiate debating teams, Henry C. Greenburg being given the place.

After the debate the Hesperian Society entertained in honor of the speakers at an informal reception given in its hall. On this occasion Professor E. C. Brooks acted as toastmaster.

WELCOME SERVICE ACCORDED REV. J. A. CLARK YESTERDAY

New Winter Park Baptist Pastor Preached Initial Sermon.

A welcome service was accorded yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Winter Park Baptist church to Rev. J. A. Clark, formerly of Louisville, Ky., who has recently become pastor of Winter Park Baptist church and circuit.

Dr. D. P. High presided at the service and the addresses of welcome were made by Rev. W. Marshall Craig, the former pastor of the church, now acting pastor of the First Baptist church; Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church. Rev. J. H. Miller, pastor of Seagate Methodist church; and Rev. A. J. Howell, pastor of Winter Park Presbyterian church.

A feeling response was made by Rev. Mr. Clark after which benediction was pronounced by Mr. G. E. Leftwich, moderator of the Wilmington Baptist Association.

Rev. Mr. Clark preached his initial sermon yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at Masonboro Baptist church to a large congregation and made a splendid impression.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 18.—Nash county is to lose the services of its farm agent, E. P. Josey, according to information learned today, and though the farm demonstration work is going to be continued as it has been ordered by the county commissioners after the hardest kind of a fight. Mr. Josey is retiring in favor of some other agent that the department of agriculture may approve.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP A "BODY"

Rev. M. T. Plyler Pleased Grace Church Congregation Yesterday — New Methodist Ministers.

"Each individual Christian church communicant is a member of the 'Body in Christ,' said Rev. M. T. Plyler yesterday at Grace Methodist church in his first sermon as pastor of that congregation since he succeeded Rev. J. D. Bundy, who has been made presiding elder of the Warrenton district.

Rev. Mr. Plyler has been a presiding elder for the past five years, in the Elizabeth City and Raleigh districts and in becoming a pastor after this period of other activity, is probably one of the strongest preachers in the Eastern North Carolina Conference. There was an unusually good attendance at the church yesterday at both services and many of the leading members of the congregation have expressed themselves as being highly pleased with their new pastor.

Rev. Mr. Plyler used for his text yesterday morning the fourth and fifth verses of the 12th chapter of Paul's epistle to the Romans, which reads, "For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same office: So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another." With this text from the writing of Paul, the preacher pictured the entire church membership of all the Christian churches as a unit, or body, and the individual church members as members of this great body, and told of the varied relations that different classes of members bear.

Before going into the various offices and the valuation of their work in the church, Rev. Mr. Plyler made a classification according to worth, and declared that it is only the worker that is valuable, either to himself or the church. Idleness was pictured as a crime that would wreck any life or undertaking. Loyalty in spirit is valued far above money and gifts, that are gifts only of their intrinsic value.

Rev. Mr. Plyler made a beautiful distinction between a gift that is made as a means of disposing of the matter and a gift that represents the depth of loyal feeling. As an example, he told of a society woman, who made a habit of giving social affairs that were expensive and thought little of the cost. When she was asked to join a missionary society, she answered that of course she would join, but that they must not expect her to let it take any of her time, nor would she attend the meetings, but in order to keep on the right side of the workers in the society, she would pay all they asked her. A little $25 was nothing to her and would dispose of the matter without anyone feeling that she had not done her part to help them, and then she wouldn't be bothered with it. This was compared to a blacksmith, who when wet with perspiration from laboring vigorously in his shop, was asked what he was doing, and answered that he was preaching to the heathens.

The woman with plenty of money had no feeling in the matter and was of little good to herself or the work, but the blacksmith had heard of the need of the heathen and felt for him. He felt so deeply that he had decided to give the profits of his day's work to send missionaries to him, and as a consequence when he was laboring in the shop, he felt that he was sending the gospel to the needy. His was a great and noble part in evangelizing the world, his was a postive force that was not made for the appearance it would give in his social set, but for the good of humanity and Christ. Regardless of the size of their gifts, his was far more acceptable than the one given without feeling or loyalty.

Rev. Mr. Plyler believes in the working man. He believes in the great middle class. The vagrants that beat their way through the world, and the idle rich, who pay their way with unearned money and cause jealousy and anarchism, are neither worth very much to the human "body in Christ" nor to the race in the matter of constructive development. It is the men and women, that do things, that make the world desirable to live in.

Rev. J. H. Shore, who comes to succeed Rev. A. J. Parker, as pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church, preached at both services there yesterday. Good attendance marked each service, and the congregation was sorry that Mr. Shore had to announce that he could not be here next Sunday and that no preaching services will be held. The Sunday school will be held at the usual hour.

Rev. Mr. Shore proved a splendid preacher and the entire congregation was highly pleased with him. His people hope that he will be as pleasing to them as he has been to the other charges he has held, four years at a pleace being his rule. The services yesterday were featured with special music suggestive of the approaching Christmas holidays. The subject at the morning service was on the "Sermon on the Mount," while that for the evening was, "The descending of the Holy Ghost."

Rev. G. B. Webster preached to the congregation at Bladen Street church for Rev. J. P. Pate, who comes from Whiteville as successor to Rev. T. G. Vickers.

AGED MAN HAS THIGH BROKEN.

Mr. D. F. Parker, of Salemburg, Was Hit by Auto at Burgaw.

Mr. D. F. Parker, of Salemburg, aged about 63 years, suffered a painful accident Friday at Burgaw, when he was struck by an automobile and his thigh broken.

Friends from Sampson county telephoned the James Walker Memorial Hospital about 5 o'clock and Mr. Parker was brought here on the evening train and taken to the hospital, where immediate attention was given his injury. He was resting as well as could be expected last night.

It was learned here that the injured man was run over in the streets of Burgaw by Rev. Charles Kneussels, in charge of the Catholic mission at St. Helena, the colony of immigrants near Burgaw, and who very greatly regretted the unfortunate affair. It is understood that Father Kneussels came to Wilmington Friday and purchased the car—a five passenger Ford—and was returning to Burgaw with the machine on his first trip and that after reaching Burgaw, he became confused in some way with the crowd, being an inexperienced driver, and that he lost control of the machine at a critical moment.

INCREASES ITS DIVIDEND

Ex-Sheriff Frank Stedman's Bank in Fayetteville Doing Well.

Many Wilmington friends of former Sheriff Frank H. Stedman, of this county, will be glad to know that the Cumberland Svings & Trust Company, of which he is president and one of the principal owners in Fayetteville, N. C., is doing exceedingly well. The bank at its recent meeting increased its dividend rate from 6 to 8 per cent., and made an unusually fine showing in every other respect. The Cape Fear News says of the meeting:

"At a meeting of the directors of Cumberland Savings and Trust Company on Tuesday, December 14, one thousand dollars was added to the surplus fund from the undivided profits, and a semi-annual dividend of 4 percent was declared, payable on January 15 out of the earnings.

"Cumberland Savings and Trust Company has now a surplus of $11,000 besides over $3,500 in undivided profits after paying out their semi-annual dividend of $2,000.

"This a fine showing for this prosperous and growing institution which is not only adding to its surplus but paying eight per cent. dividends. This is a record hard to beat, and shows that it has first-class management."

Grateful Mothers Tell Experiences

Mrs. T. Neufeuer, Eau Claire, Wis., writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar Compound cured my boy of a very severe attack of croup after other remedies had failed. Our milkman cured his children of whooping cough. I recommend it to every one, as we know from our own experience that it is a wonderful remedy for coughs, colds, croup, and whooping cough."

Mrs. D. Gilkeson, Youngstown, O., writes: "My little girl had a severe cold and coughed almost continuously. I tried lots of cough remedies, but she didn't get any better. My sister recommended Foley's Honey and Tar Compound to me. The first dose I gave her relieved the inflammation in her throat, and after using one bottle the cough left her."

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Belk Brothers
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NEW ART PACKAGES Received Today

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. R. W. Bridgen leaves this morning for Charlotte, where she will spend a month with relatives.

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Mrs. I. W. Murphy, of Greensboro, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. C. Covington, No. 312 South Third street.

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Mrs. Roger Moore leaves this morning for Greenville, S. C., where she will spend a month with her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Mills.

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Miss Jeanette Pearce arrived in the city Saturday from Greensboro, and will leave today for her home at Southport, to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Pearce is a member of the faculty at Greensboro College for Women.

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Misses Mary and Fanny Starr Mitchell arrived yesterday from Waynesville, N. C., where they are members of the faculty of the graded schools, to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. J. S. Mitchell, No. 113 North Fourth street.

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Bolton, Dec. 19.—A feature of the masquerade ball given here Friday night was the presentation of a B. P. O. E. charm to Mayor E. F. Carpenter, as a token of esteem. The presentation speech was by Mr. J. D. GeBot, chairman of the committee of arrangement for the ball.

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Miss Sarah Peck Hines, of Faison, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Philip Heinsberger, No. 807 Ann street. Miss Hines is one of North Carolina's most gifted expressionists and is well known here, having entertained her hearers at many social gatherings during former visits. She will be here all the winter.

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The Sunday school of Fifth Avenue Methodist church, with the assistance of the Epworth League will present a programme at the church Tuesday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, the principal feature of which will be the play, "Gifts From the King." There will also be special music and a stereopticon lecture with the presentation of "Bethlehem Pictures." This will take the place of the regular meeting of the Epworth League.

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Newbern, N. C., Dec. 19. — A marriage of especial interest to Newbernians occurs at 5 o'clock this afternoon at Tarboro when Mrs. Rosamond Hancock, widow of the late Seymour Hancock, of this city, will become the bride of E. H. Meadows, one of Newbern's most prominent citizens. The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Almond Hart, by Rev. B. F. Huske, rector of Christ Episcopal church of this city. Attending the event from Newbern will be Mrs. J. A. Meadows, Wade Meadows, Edward Meadows and Miss Matilda Hancock, the latter being the daughter of the bride.

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TABOR GRADED SCHOOL EVENTS OF MUCH INTEREST THIS WEEK

Tabor, N. C., Dec. 19.—Two interesting events are to take place here tomorrow and Tuesday night in connection with the closing for the holidays of the Tabor graded schools. On Monday evening at 8 o'clock the declamation and recitation contest will take place, 38 having taken part in the first preliminary contest, cutting the number down to six girls and six boys. Three each were selected after the second preliminary, these being Emma Suggs, Holly Gaines, Ada Graham, Dewey Bell, Birdie Suggs, Henry Hickman, with Ernis Fowler and Myers Harrison as alternates. Medals will be given, one for the best recitation and one for the best declamation.

On Tuesday evening there will be a mid-winter concert by pupils of Miss Lorena Newton, a graduate of the Southern Conservatory of Music. A most attractive programme has been arranged and the concert is being looked forward to with much interest.

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LINEN SHOWER IN HONOR OF M'DONALD COUPLE

McDonald, N. C., Dec. 18.—A linen shower was given by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Iona Presbyterian church in honor of Miss Pattie Inman, who on Tuesday, is to be wedded by Mr. C. C. Price. The shower was at the hospitable home of Mrs. Lacy Price, sister of the prospective groom. The color scheme of the parlor was attractively carried out in pink and white; the dinning room in white and gold.

The hostess was graciously assisted by Mesdames R. H. McMillan, and T. S. Greyard.

The many handsome presents were placed in a suspended crepe papered umbrella under which the bride-elect was showered at an unexpected moment. Mrs. C. C. Carson recited in a most effective manner "Damon and Pythias," after which a delicious salad course was served by Misses Edith McLean, Marget Townsend and Estelle Carson.

The gracious hostess deserves the thanks of all the guests who participated in the very enjoyable occasion.

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BRILLIANT PRE-NUPTIAL RECEPTION AT WHITEVILLE

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 19.—One of the most elaborate social functions of the season was a reception given Monday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Dow Maultsby in honor of the approaching marriage of their daughter, Alma, to Dr. Richard F. Smith, of Clio, S. C.

The guests were greeted at the door by Miss Kathleen Baldwin and Mr. Fred Little. Miss Margaret Baldwin had charge of the bride's book. Little Misses Thelma and Catherine Lyon directed the guests to the cloak room. The receiving line in the parlor was composed of Mr. Josiah Maultsby, Miss Ethel Maultsby, Miss Alma Maultsby, Dr. Richard F. Smith and Mrs. J. B. Rice. Presiding over the punch bowl were Misses Lillie Smith and Lois Formy Duval.

Miss Jessie Smith led the guests to the dining room where Mesdames H. B. Maxwell, W. R. Davis and R. J. Powell, assisted by Little Misses Lucy Schulken ,Eunice Lewis and Letha McKenzie served pink and white brick cream and fruit cake.

Mrs. R. B. Whitaker received the guests in the gift room where they lingered, admiring the many beautiful gifts which attested the popularity of the bride-and-groom-elect.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: Rev. J. C. Wooten and family left yesterday afternoon for Durham, where they will make their home. Mr. Wooten was pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church until the recent conference when he was appointed presiding elder of the Durham district. The family have been living here for two years and have made many friends, who regret their departure."

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MISS ALMA MAULTSBY BRIDE OF DR. RICHARD F. SMITH

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 15. — A marriage of much interest to the many friends of the young couple was that of Miss Alma Maultsby to Dr. Richard F. Smith, of Clio, S. C., at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs. James Dow Maultsby, Tuesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. P. Pate, in the presence of a host of friends of both the bride and groom.

The home was beautifully decorated with palms and ferns and cut flowers. The bridal party approached an improvised altar in the reception hall to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Margaret Baldwin. The ushers were Messrs. Josiah Maultsby and Josiah Little. Miss Ethel Maultsby, sister of the bride, gowned in a white silk charmeuse gown trimmed with ermine and mull, wearing a black picture hat and carrying a bouquet of pink Killarney roses, was maid of honor. The groom entered with his best man, Mr. W. C. Welch, of Clio, S. C. The bride, attired in a midnight blue coat suit of broadcloth, trimmed with fur, carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley, came leaning on the arm of her father, who gave her away. The only ornament worn by the bride was her grandmother's diamond ring. Immediately after the ceremony, the bride and groom left for Clio, S. C , their future home.

The out of town guests were: B. S. Maultsby, Montgomery, Ala.; J. A. Maultsby and children; John Camp and Miss Lucy Camp, Campville, Fla.; W. C. Welch, Clio, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J A. Baldwin, Chadbourn, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Council, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Council, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Council, and Miss Agnes Council, Wanannish, N. C.; St. Julian Springs, Waccamaw, N. C.; Mr and Mrs. J. B. Rice, R. B. Reynolds and Fred Little, Wilmington, N. C.; Miss Sallie Lee Smith, Elkton, N. C., and Mrs. W. E. Stone, Boardman, N. C.

PERSONALS.

—Mr. M. E. Nance, of Hallsboro, was registered at The Orton Saturday.

—Miss Fronnie Kendall, of Council, was a guest at The Orton hotel Saturday.

—Mr. E. L. Tyler, of Norfolk, Va., was among the arrivals at The Orton Saturday.

—Mrs. Kate Monroe, of Council, was a visitor to the city Saturday, a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. J. E. Williams, of Warsaw, was among those registered at The Orton Saturday.

—Among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday was Mr. F. F. Sutton, of Sanford, N. C.

—Mr. Burwell Riddick, of this city, is spending a few days in Suffolk, Va., with relatives.

—Mr. Carleton Sims, of Providence, R. I., was among the visitors to the city Saturday, being a guest at The Orton.

—Registered at The Orton the latter part of the week was Mr. E. F. Mallard, cashier of the Bank of Shallotte, of Shallotte, N. C.

—Mr. C. F. Gregerson, of Hamlet, was among the visitors to the city the latter part of the week, having spent a day or two with his sons, Messrs. C. F. and W. D. Gregerson.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Baltimore & Carolina steamer Elizabeth Weems cleared last night for Baltimore, in command of Captain Hudgins.

—The Star is asked to call attention to the advertisement of the Bungalow contest in another column of today's paper. The advertisement gives particulars of where the votes may be had and other particulars in regard to the contest.

—The Clyde Line Steamer Cherokee is expected to dock early this morning from New York with the following passenger list: F. S. Webster, C. L. Holt, Miss L. Miller, Mrs. J. Miller, Barclay Bates, Thomas Holstius, Thomas Canlon, Miss M. A. Rutland, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crause and Fred. Crause.

FORT OGLETHORPE, GA., GETS TRAINING CAMP

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MRS. RACHEL EINSTEIN DEAD

Mother of Prominent Wholesale Men Died Last Night at Midnight —Much Beloved.

The death of Mrs. Rachel Einstein, which occurred at her apartment in the Colonial apartments with her daughter, Mrs. Maurice Dreyfus, last night at 12 o'clock, following about two months' illness, was a shock to a wide circle of friends of the family here and elsewhere. Mrs. Einstein was the mother of the five Einstein brothers that compose the prominent wholesale concern in this city by that name.

Mrs. Einstein was born in Hamburg, Germany, and came to America when a young girl. Her father located at Kinston, N. C., where she spent 60 years of her life, becoming well known over North Carolina and a prominent leader in charitable work. It might well be said that she was one of the most unselfish women that North Carolina has had the honor of keeping within its borders. She spent her very life for others.

About six years ago when Mrs. Einstein's sons had grown into five of the very prominent business men in this section, they moved from Kinston to this city where the well known firm of Einstein Brothers, of Wilmington, sprang into existence and has since grown steadily as one of Wilmington's big business houses.

Since the family came to Wilmington they numbered their friends by the number of their acquaintances, and in the short six years they have become much beloved by a wide circle. Mrs. Einstein has made herself as well known here in her charity work as she had in her former residence and is much beloved by the many who have known her fine nature. Her lovable character has distinguished her wherever she has lived.

Mrs. Einstein was 73 years of age and is survived by the following sons and daughters: Mrs. R. F. Whitehurst, San Francisco, Cal.; Mrs. Maurice Dreyfus, Mrs. Julius P. Taylor, Mrs. Abe Schultz; Messrs. Louis, Adolph, Edward, Arthur and Abe Einstein, of this city. The five sons compose the well known Wilmington wholesale firm, Einstein Brothers. She is also survived by an 80-year-old sister, Mrs. Helen Einstein, of Cincinnati, Ohio, all of whom have the tender sympathy of a host of friends.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Temple of Israel, of which she was a member. Other announcements will be made later.

SIR JOHN FRENCH IS SAD UPON DEPARTING

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and glorious host of my beloved comrades who have made the greatest sacrifices of all by laying down their lives for their country.

"In saying good-bye to the British army in France, I ask them once again to accept this expression of my deepest gratitude and heartfelt devotion toward them, and my earnest good wishes for a glorious future, which I feel to be assured.

"(Signed)
"J. D. P. FRENCH,
"Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief, British Army, in France."

RED SPRINGS TOPICS.

Train Connections Bad—Political Notes —College is Prosperous.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Red Springs, N. C., Dec. 18.—We have read a great deal and heard more of the famous Pembroke connection and the hardship it works to the traveling public, yet it seems now that the connection at Maxton between the morning S. A. L. train for Wilmington and the A. C. L. for Fayetteville is equally as annoying and causes great inconvience to our mail facilities. It is getting to be a rare thing and has been for several weeks for our people here to get either a Raleigh or Charlotte paper in the mornings. The Morning Star is usually the only daily we receive and this is perhaps a good argument that more of them should be taken here as under the present schedule we can hardly miss this. It seems, however, that the Corporation Commission should be invoked again to come to the relief of a patient public whose patience has ceased to be a virtue.

We have received the first copy of the Flora McDonald Bulletin in which we find some interesting facts relative to this great institution of learning. Dr. Vardell is a man of most wonderful pereseverance and magnetism and under his wise leadership this institution has grown from a seminary of one wooden structure to a college with more than half a dozen modern brick building and has both a national and international reputation. 'Twas in the Cape Fear section that the great Scotch heroine, Flora McDonald, lived during her sojourn in North Carolina.

We hear very little political dope in section of "de bloody sixth." We believe all or most of the aspirants have some followers with perhaps Godwin, Nimocks and Little in the lead as the eventful day draws near no doubt interest will increase. Locally we hear the name of Albert E. White, mayor of Lumberton, mentioned as Robeson's next State Senator.

Flora McDonald College closed for the holidays Thursday and most of the girls have gone to their respective homes. A few will remain on "The Hill"——Misses Margaret and Lou Smith left this week for Pine Bluff, Ark., where they will spend the holidays with their brothers, Messrs W. J. and S. F. Smith.——The new brick building of the Baptist church, is being pushed to completion. When completed it will be one of the most handsome structures in this section of North Carolina.

SEIGFRIED LONDON, AMERICAN FACES CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE

Germans Allege Conspiracy to Convey Information to Russians.

Berlin, Dec. 19, (via London, Dec. 20).—Siegfried London, a naturalized American citizen, has been placed in jail at Warsaw and is awaiting trial on the charge of espionage. As the investigation has not yet been completed the authorities have not been able to communicate to the American consulate the full charges against London, which are understood to involve an alleged conspiracy to convey information to the Russians after the German occupation of Warsaw. The authorities are allowing the American representatives the widest latitude to assist London in preparing for his defense.

London has been a hanger-on in the leading hotels of Warsaw for years as a commissionaie and guide. In those capacities he is known to many American tourists. During the Russian revolution London acted as temporary correspondent for several American and British newspapers.

PUT FLAG IN STATE MUSEUM

Gen. Jas. I. Metts Carries Interesting Relic to Historical Committee Meeting.

General James I. Metts, commander of the North Carolina Division United Confederate Veterans, who goes to Raleigh tomorrow as chairman of the North Carolina Historical Committee, he having called the meeting to discuss the question of securing funds to finance the undertaking of having the history of North Carolina during the War Between the States written, will take with him a Confederate flag to present to the North Carolina State Museum, that will be of rare interest.

This flag was made by the ladies of Pender county which was then a part of New Hanover in the early days of the war from silk dresses, scraps, etc., and presented to Captain Elisha Porter of Company E., Third North Carolina Infantry. Captain Porter had this as his official flag until his death, at the battle of Chancellorsville, in Virginia, in 1862, when he was succeeded by Captain William P. Ennett, who was made a major just three days before the surrender and was at Appomattox at the time. Major Ennett received his title when Lieutenant Colonel Parsley was killed at Salling Creek and the First and Third Regiments were combined.

The flag General Metts takes with him, however, did not go through all this, as the regimental flag, which he carried to Raleigh last spring supplanted it when Company E. became part of the Third Regiment, a company flag not being used then.

The flag which will be taken to Raleigh tomorrow was sent home sometime during the war and had become the property of Mrs. W. A. Brown, a daughter of Major Ennett, now living at Rocky Point. Some time ago she loaned it to the Daughters of the Confederacy to be placed in their museum at the W. L. I. armory here. Mrs. Brown has consented to have it taken to the State Museum at Raleigh, where it will be seen by many more people than would see it here, the W. L. I. museum not being so well advertised as the State Museum.

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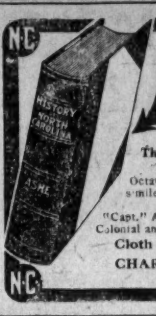

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500	Ed. Swann	Sidewalk Construction	58.00
501	Cape Fear Oil Co	Gasoline—Fire Dept	18.00
502	Seaboard Air Line	Freight	326.71
503	Standard Supply Co	Supplies, etc	335.41
504	Coster, the Cleaner	Rep. and Clean.—Police	25.40
505	Hyman Supply Co	Supplies, etc	45.62
506	Cape Fear Machine Works	Supplies and Repairs	63.15
507	Thos. Quinlivan & Son	Shoeing Horses	29.55
508	News and Observer	Daily Paper—Library	7.00
509	Thos. D. Meares, Treas	Coupons	14,125.00
510	D. Quinlivan	Shoeing Horses	25.75
511	New Hanover County	Rock—Street Dept	30.00
512	W. D. MacMillan, Jr	Paym't on Auto.—Fire Dept	89.75
513	Pay Roll	Weekly	1,947.66
514	W. A. McGowan	Courts Costs	2 05
515	Geo. B. Cook	Detective	5.00
516	Thos. D. Meares, Treas	Coupons	2,000.00
517	C. Raymond Rogers	Damages	5.00
518	Pay Roll	Monthly	4,778.36
519	Atlantic Bitulithic Co	Street Construction	459.78
520	Clark-Lynch Lumber Co	Lumber	59.78
521	Library Bureau	Periodical	4.00
522	Harrison Bros, Co	Supplies—W. and S	533.61
523	Hanover National Bank	Commission	5.00
524	Wilmington Red Cross Sanitarium	Monthly Appropriation	125.00
525	Jas. Walker Memo. Hospital	Monthly Appropriation	833.33
526	Travelers' Aid Society	Monthly Appropriation	10.00
527	Board of Health	Monthly Appropriation	1,475.44
528	Wil. Light Infantry	Semi-Annual Appropriation	300.00
529	Chas. Schnibben	Building Permits	10.50
530	Raymond Hunt	Building Permits	11.60
531	Wilmington Star Co	Printing and Advertising	16 56
532	Geo. R. French & Son	Rubber Boots—Street Dept.	81.40
533	Studebaker Corp	Supplies—Street Dept	42.00
534	W. H. Blair	Refunds	25.90
535	W. H. Blair	Office incidentals	112.19
536	Caro. Cut Stone Co	Stone, etc	89.30
537	Murchison Nat. Bank	Notes and Interest	101,031.25
538	Pay Roll	Weekly	1,000.26
539	C. C. Bellamy	Legal Service	511.48
540	Dodd, Mead & Co	Books—Library	16.66
541	Kidder Lumber Co	Rent—Disposal Plant	25.00
542	Northam Book Store	Office Supplies	17.41
543	Wilmington Shoe Co	Office Furniture—Fire Dept	18.50
544	J. M. Solky & Co	Police Uniforms	942.75
545	Harriss Typewriting Co	Printing—W. & S	7.50
546	F. M Abeel	Rent—Machinery	108.00
547	Am. LaFrance Fire Eng. Co.	Supplies—Fire Dept	80 65
548	Cape Fear Gravel Co	Gravel	276.43
549	Sol. Sternberger	Supplies—Lumber, etc	18.00
550	J. G. DeR. Hamilton	Books—Library	4.57
551	Ed. Swann	Sidewalk Construction	15.00
552	Spirittine Chemical Co	Oil, etc	18.00
553	C. W. Yates & Co	Office Supplies	20.29
554	Pay Roll	Weekly	1,092.22
555	Evening Dispatch	Printing and Advertising	157.58
556	Hilton Lumber Co	Lumber	19.65
557	Review Job Office	Printing	1.50
558	Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Co.	Supplies—W. & S	46.00
559	Hoffman-Corr Mfg. Co	Supplies—W. & S	37.19
560	Neptune Meter Co	Supplies—W. & S	1.25
561	Chestnutt & Freeman	Rubber Boots—W. & S	20.40
562	H. Mueller Mfg. Co	Supplies—W. & S	139 48
563	Union Stamp and Printing Co	Supplies—W. & S	18.63
564	Wil. Stamp and Printing Co	Supplies—W. & S	13.50
565	Cape Fear Hardware Co	Supplies	3.10
566	Jackson & Bell Co	Printing, etc	30.25
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568	Capps-Griffith Plumbing Co	Plumbing Supplies	1.60
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571	Hall & Ross	Supplies	1.00
572	D. Quinlivan	Shoeing Horses	29.50
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574	Thos B. Carroll	Professional Service	17.00
575	W. D. MacMillan	Auto. Supplies	2.00
576	Plate Ice Co	Ice	28.85
577	C. S. Burnett	Auto Supplies	25.00
578	Hanover Iron Works	Supplies and Repairs	9.16
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583	Independent Ice Co	Ice	14.40
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585	L. A. Bilbro	Repairs of Harness, etc	20.10
586	Springer Coal Co	Coal	1,119.53
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591	Queen City Cycle Co	Bicycle Hire and Supplies	31.00
592	Roger Moore's Sons Co	Cement—Pipe, etc	585.35
593	Am. Vulcanized Fiber Co	Supplies—W. & S	2.97
594	J. W. Blake	Supplies	51 48
595	Murchison National Bank	Note and Interest	9,150.00
596	B. F. Mitchell Co	Feed	91.30
597	Hyman Supply Co	Supplies	17.40
598	Tidewater Power Co	Street Lighting, etc	1,916.88
599	New Hanover Co	Court Costs	35.50
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	Total Audited to Date		$549,538.13

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

CLEWS' FINANCIAL REVIEW

British Mobilization American Securities Important Event—Farming Classes Prosperous.

New York, Dec. 19.—The most important event in financial circles since the issue of the Anglo-French loan was the British mobilization of American securities held in Great Britain. The plan though simple is ingenious in application. The British government is evidently not anxious to raise any further funds in this country on credit, although some further expedients were necessary for the safe maintenance of sterling exchange. Great Britain will thus be able to borrow or sell when necessary such portion of the $3,000,000,000, more or less, American investments still held in the United Kingdom. In all probability considerable further sales of such securities will be made in this market. This would have happened under any circumstance while the war lasted, and the British government is likely to handle these sales in a manner that will avert declines, quite as much for its own interest as from any readiness to protect the New York market. In fact the risk of weakness from this movement is even less than under the old form of free individual foreign sales, which were less easy to regulate.

The Allies are still buying on a tremendous scale things which we are equally anxious to sell. According to the latest trade returns our merchandise exports this calendar year will exceed imports by nearly $2,000,000,000. This amount has been almost completely offset in various ways; by gold imports of not less than $500,000,000, or probably more; by foreign loans and credits of $700,000,000 or more, to which must be added various remittances for dividends and interest, freights, commissions, etc. While these last named items are undoubtedly less than usual, it is evident that the exchange situation has been much improved, and the anxiety which existed before arrangements for the Anglo-French loan were made no longer prevails. In all probability exprrts are at or near their high level for this season, and within a few weeks there will be a slackening in the outward movement of both food products and munitions, while of late there has been a partial recovery in imports that tends to relieve the exchange situation. In this connection it is well not to forget that this phenomenal bulge in exports is entirely due to the war. The increases are made up chiefly of foodstuffs and munitions shipped directly or indirectly to the belligerents. Meanwhile, our exports to South America, China and other neutrals actually show a decrease, suggesting that sharp reactions will follow in our foreign trade when peace comes and natural tendencies once more resume their sway.

As a factor in our international financial relations, the decline in Anglo-French bonds attracted considerable attention, more in fact than deserved. Sixty per cent of the bonds or $300,000,000 had been taken by investors in two months. This is a huge amount, considering that Americans are unaccustomed to foreign loans, and that in subscribing they were impelled by no other motives than profit and safety. Moreover, the loan was the largest on record and equalled about half the usual annual flotations of domestic securities in this country. The reverses of the Allies also exerted an unfavorable effect; so that the placing of such a huge loan was in reality fairly successful. Had the loan been cut in two and offered in more distant installments, this congestion of the investment markets would have been avoided. Both nations are good for their promise, and while the market value of these bonds may fluctuate with the war, they must still be ranked as a profitable and safe investment.

The government's final report shows the harvest to be the largest and most profitable on record. Our agricultural output for the year is valued at $9,873,000,000, or $83,000,000 in excess of the bumped year 1913.

The farming classes of the United States are enjoying greater prosperity than ever. Even in the South, where there was some difficulty owing to the embargo on cotton, there is no real complaint, because cotton has almost doubled in price, thus offsetting the small crop and diminished exports. Trade reports from all parts of the interior, but especially from the West, are exceedingly encouraging, and many distributors in that section are confident of at least six months good business. The West is affected by the war much less than the East, where the stimulus of war contracts and war prices is chiefly felt. The munitions profits of the United States are a small factor when compared with our total industrial output: yet they have created an interest out of all proportion of their aggregate value. The steel industry continues intensely active and the railroads are buying equipment more freely. There is also a marked revival of general building activity in sight, which means a good demand for all sorts of construction material, as well as a better demand for skilled labor.

Congress will shortly adjourn over the Holidays. Fortunately, it has thus far shown a conservative disposition, and no attempt has been made to embarrass the administration in the handling of extremely delicate international affairs. Our differences with Austria are an unsettling element, though it is satisfactory to note the country is becoming accustomed to crisises of this character, being much less disturbed by them than formerly. The outlook for domestic legislation is not year clear, and the chances are against the passage of any very important measures in view of the approaching presidential campaign, which means an early adjournment, certain not later than June. Should nothing worse happen in our international relations than exists at this writing, the only important legislation likely to receive attention will be revenue, preparedness and shipping, and even these might be postponed until another session.

On the Stock Exchange the feeling has been somewhat unsettled by uncertain international relations and absence of new stimulus to bullish operations. It is recognized that general trade conditions are good; that the railroad situation is much more satisfactory; that current earnings are large; that the steel trade is enjoying great prosperity; that general business shows increasing activity, and that all ordinary outside conditions favor a better market. To a large extent, however, these movements were discounted by the October and November rise. Since then the technical position of the market has been somewhat weakened by extensive liquidation, especially in the war securities, friction in our foreign relations and foreign selling. The intrinsic position of the market, however, is fairly strong, money is plentiful and cheap, and in view of the disbursements on January 1, which will be the largest recorded, there should be a good investment demand for all the more desirable issues, particularly the railroads which for the time being enjoy a preference among many shrewd investors.

HENRY CLEWS.

COTTON PRICES IRREGULAR

Violent Changes Attributed to Various Reasons—Million More Spindles Are in Operation.

New York, Dec. 19.—No particular explanation can be given for violent price changes in the cotton market for the past few days, according to Henry Clews & Co. in their weekly review of the situation. Some disappointment was expressed over the Census Bureau's report of October consumption, but there would seem to be little reason for this when comparison is made not only with the figures of recent months but with those of previous years. The official figures on the supply and consumption of cotton during November indicate that domestic mills are spinning at a constantly increasing rate. The 514,534 bales consumed in November are about fourteen thousand bales larger than the consumption during October. American mills have spun twenty per cent. more cotton during the four months of the present crop season than they did during the corresponding period last year. There were a million more spindles active than were in operation a year ago—in fact, a greater number of spindles were operated last month than during any previous month in several seasons. Domestic cotton spinning has steadily increased since last May when the revival of activity first became apparent, and it hardly seems open to debate that home consumption will be very large. Trade conditions and statistics would seem to confirm this opinion. American manufacturers continue to absorb cotton in good round amounts and there now seems little question that the total takings for domestic account will exceed the prediction of seven million bales made in these advices some time ago. The export demand is also improving although shipments are hampered somewhat by the enormous cost of transportation. The whole situation has at last narowed down to a question of consumption, and prices will be governed by the inroads which the future demand for the staple makes upon the world's supply. The total visible is now below normal as compared with this date for any recent year except 1914, and is less than five hundred thousand bales above the visible at this time a year ago. Of course, it is impossible to determine the invisible supply, but it hardly seems probable that it could be large enough to fill the gap of about four million bales below a normal crop, as represented by this year's production. It may be that some further price concessions will be witnessed, but the soundness of basic conditions would appear to warrant purchases on the weak spots.

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Str. Keil (Ger.). 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

Str. Elsiston (Br.), 1,834 tons, Niven, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Dec. 18, by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 19.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—52c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.05; small, $4.95.

TAR—$2.20-9c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

Quotation same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal. Rosin, nominal Tar, $2.00-8 1-2c. Crude Turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	(—)
Rosin	106
Tar	240
Crude Turpentine	4

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 5 casks; rosin, 480 barrels; tar, 256 barrels; crude turpentine, 19 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal. Quotations same day last year, 7c.

Receipts—250 bales; same day last year, 1,823 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 133,884 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 85,041 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 19th.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

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DWARFS DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

Foreign Affairs Takes Attention of Stock Exchange—German and Austrian Money Lower.

New York, Dec. 18.—Foreign affairs dwarfed domestic considerations in this week's market, the possible rupture of relations between Washington and Vienna being the most compelling feature. The severe break in German and Austrian exchanges, quotation on Berlin and Vienna falling to lowest rates ever known here, and the British treasury announcement of its intention American securities, added to the weight of foreign liquidation.

Further reason for caution was the dissolution of the syndicate which negotiated the $50,000,000 Anglo-French issue. This precipitated a flood of offerings of this issue, the price falling to 2 1-8 points under that paid by the syndicate. Later in the week, the bonds found some favor in the investment division.

The decline in exchange on the Ceneral European powers was attended by much conjecture respecting economic conditions in this countries. Simultaeous advance in rates on Amsterdam and the Scandinavian capitals strengthened the belief that the more urgent needs of the Teutonic allies are being met through thos mediums.

Reliable data reflects the rising tide of domestic business activity which is receiving additional stimulus from the retail holiday demand. Exports of foodstuffs and war supplies show some diminution by reason of the railroad embargo, but continued on a phenominal scale.

The threatened strike of the railway brotherhoods at Chicago was soon settled but the significance of this incident in its general application to the labor probably was not altogether ignored.

Industrial conditions remain highly satisfactory, steel mills booking orders into the third quarter of the coming year. Demand for copper, lead and other metals shows little abatement, while oils, soared to unprecedented prices. Money was inclined to harden slightly, despite the coming disbursements of interest and dividends. Financial institutions will enter the new year with almost the largest reserves in their history.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 19.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00; Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 19.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.15 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; new prime, 3c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Market Was Held at Decline Throughout the Week.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—The local cotton market was held at the decline throughout last week, prices at the highest standing 2 to 3 points under the close of the preceding week, while at the lowest they were 47 to 50 points under. The net result of the week's trading was a loss of 30 to 32 points.

Heavy selling pressure was in evidence throughout the week. Considerable liquidation of long cotton was forced. Bulls still made much of the government's crop estimate of 11,161,000 bales, but the records show that from the highest a week ago Friday, the day of the estimate, to the lowest levels last Friaay, there was a decrease of almost a cent a pound, or $5 a bale, March falling from 12.81 to 11.89.

Bear operations were stimulated by the International political situation. Whatever steadiness the market had was derived from the firmness of spot holders. The interior reported only small trading in the actual staple, with holders indifferent and unwilling to consider prices except when they were well above board quotations.

This week the market will open with a census bureau report on ginning, which the bulls think will fully confirm the recent estimate of the crop by the government. Expectations on theb ull side range from 10,300,000 to 10,400,000 bales as the total to be returned.

AN INTESTERING ISSUE

Christmas Number of Trinity Archive Just From the Press.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Dec. 19.—The Christmas number of the Trinity Archive, the literary monthly published by the Senior class, which made its appearance on the campus yesterday, contains a large number of especially interesting and appropriate contributions as oflows: "A Christmas Boon," poem, by Arita Harper; "Germs," a humorous essay, by Adelaide A. Lyons; "Mike's Debut," short story, by "N'importe;" "Voices of the Christmas-Time," poem, by Mr. D. W. Newsom; Trinity College library, by Mr. J. P. Breedlove, the librarian; "Two Kinds of Education," essay, by Ella W. Tuttle; "The Year's Exit," poem, by B. C. C.; "Up From Snakes," short story, by G. W. H. Britt; "Pirates of the Carolina Coast," essay, by V. C. Hall, of Wilmington; and a review of Winston Churchill's recent novel, "A Far Country," by B. B. Jones.

NEW FARM LIFE SCHOOLS.

Department of Education Opens One Each in Mecklenburg and Bertie.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19. — The State Department of Education announces the opening of two new farm life schools on January 1, one at Pineville, Mecklenburg county, and the other at Aulander, Bertie county. The addition of these two schools will raise the number of farm life schools to nineteen, all of which have been established within the past four years The rapid growth of these schools is attested by the fact that they already have property aggregating half a million dollars.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 20, 1915

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 38 degrees; at 8 P. M., 46 degrees; maximum, 55 degrees; minimum, 38 degrees; mean, 47 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .0.0 inch; rainfal for the month, to date, .81 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 8.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair Monday and Tuesday.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 20, 1915.

Sun rises .. ..7:13 A. M.
Sun sets ... ...5:06 P. M.
Day's length .. ..9 hrs. 53 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington . . .	9:12	9:25	3:58	4:38
Southport . . .	7:09	7:20	12:47	1:31
Masonboro Inl . .	6:58	7:09	12:27	1:11

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 19, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene . .pt	cldy	48	—	.0
Asheville . .	cldy	42	28	.0
Atlanta. . .	cldy	46	30	.0
Augusta . .	clear	58	34	.0
Baltimore . .	cldy	42	—	.0
Birmingh. .	cldy	48	32	0
Boston. . .	clear	44	—	.0
Charleston .	clear	56	40	.0
Charlotte. .	clear	50	34	.0
Chicago . .	clear	18	—	.01
Galveston. .	rain	66	62	.32
Jacksonv. .	cldy	62	42	.0
Memphis.. .	cldy	44	—	.0
Mobile. . .	cldy	60	40	.0
Montgom'y .	cldy	54	34	.0
New Orl.. .	cldy	62	46	.0
New York .	clear	40	—	.0
Oklahoma. .	clear	46	—	.0
Palestine . .	cldy	48	40	.0
Pittsburg . .	snow	34	—	.0
Raleigh. . .	clear	52	34	.0
Savannah . .	clear	60	38	.0
Shreveport . .	cldy	48	—	.0
St. Louis . .	clear	36	—	.0
Washing'n pt	cldy	44	—	0

FARM HOUSE BURNED

Family Barely Escapes From Burning Building Near Warsaw.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 19.—A farm house belonging to W. R. Blackmore and occupied by J. D. Huffham, located three miles fro mtown, was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning at 4 o'clock. The fire is supposed to have originated in the kitchen, and had made such headway when discovered that the family of Huffmans had barely time to escape, losing practically everything that that possessed, with no insurance. The house was valued at $1,500, with $1,000 insurance.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in one certain mortgage given by D. M. Beardsley and wife, Sarah E. Beardsley, to H. A. Burr, Jr., on August 18, 1914, and duly recorded in Book 78, page 402, Public Records of New Hanover County, and assigned by the said mortgagee to the Standard Supply Company, default naving been mane in the payment of the notes secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1915, at 12:00 o'clock, M., at the Court House door, in Wilmington, North Carolina, offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described pieces, parcels or lots of land, located in Harnett Township, New Hanover County, and bounded and described as follows:

First Tract—Being lot No. 2, Block A, on the Revised Map of Seagate Park, and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the western line of Myrtle Avenue, seven hundred and four (704) feet northwardly from its intersection with the northern line of Bradley's Creek Macadam Road, said point being south 30 degrees west about three hundred and fifty (350) feet from high water mark of west side of Bradley's Creek, runs thence south 30 degrees west and along said western line of Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet to a point in the northern line of Lot No. six (6) in said Block, runs thence north 61 degrees west and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, thence north 30 degrees east and parallel with Myrtle avenue fifty-four (54) feet; thence south 61 degrees east and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, to the western line of Myrtle Avenue, the beginning.

Second Tract—Being Lot No. 4, Block A, according to Revised Map of Seagate Park, recorded in Book 65, at page 485 of the Records of New Hanover County, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of a tract of land now or formerly belonging to Gertrude J. Howell, said point being located north 30 degrees E. 715 feet from the northerly line of Bradley's Creek Road, and running thence north 30 degrees E. 377 feet, more or less, to high water mark, or west side of Bradley's or Lee's Creek; thence in a southeastwardly direction along said high water mark of said creek fifty-eight (58) feet to the northwestern corner of Lot No. 3, in said Block; thence south 30 degrees west along the western line of said Lot No. 3, 362 feet, to the southwest corner of said lot No. 3, and thence north 61 degrees west fifty-two and two-tenths (52.2) feet to the beginning, together with necessary right of way as granted in deed from A. W. Pate and wife to S. W. Sebrell, dated April 30, 1909, duly recorded in Book 58, at page 268 of the Records of said County.

Said sale being made subject to a first mortgage for approximately $450.00, given by H. A. Burr, Jr., and wife, to the Rural Building and Loan Association and recorded in Book 68, page 172.

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Lv. Mount Olive .....11:01 P. M.
Lv. Warsaw .....11:23 P. M.
Lv. Rose Hill .....11:47 P. M.
Lv. Burgaw .....12:27 A. M.
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No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
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FEDERAL LEAGUE WILL WITHDRAW FROM FIELD?

"Authority" Says an Agreement Has Been Reached.

Terms, He Says, Do Not Include Assumption by the Older Organizations of Contracts Held by Federal League Players.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—According to a statement today by a man financially interested in the negotiations, representatives of the Federal, National and American leagues signed a peace agreement at the New York meeting insuring the withdrawal from the field of the Federal League without the assumption of contract obligations with its players by the older organizations.

According to this authority the agreement provides that the Federal League retain its players until the opening of the 1917 season, paying all salaries called for by contract and reimbursing its backers from the sale of players to clubs in organized ball. Another provision of the agreement, it was said, was that the wards of Brooklyn were to be reimbursed for their outlay in the Federal League by the American and National Leagues. This stipulation previously had been announced.

According to the authority quoted above, the meeting to be held at Cincinnati Tuesday has only details to consider. Among these, it was said, was the disposition of the Baltimore Federal club which is reported to desire a place in some recognized organization. Other questions involving the minor leagues would be discussed, it was said.

According to the statement no mention was made in the peace agreement of the sale of any National or American League club to Federal League backers. It was said this was left to individual negotiations. It was reported here today, however, that Charles Weeghman, of the Chicago Federals, and Harry Sinclair, of the Newark club, were almost certain to buy the Chicago Nationals and the St. Louis Federal League owners were expected to negotiate for the purchase of the St. Louis Browns.

Of the ball players included in the Federal League roster, 70 it is said, "are under iron clad contracts" extending a year or more. The combined salaries called for by their contracts amount to more than $300,000 a year. This, however, includes those under contract to the Chicago Federals who would be retained by owner Weeghman should the latter purchase the Cubs.

Some of the Federal League owners, it was said, were inclined to balk after the alleged agreement was signed, but men here representing organized ball said there was no chance that they would start their circuit again. Hope was expressed that the solution at Cincinnati, of the Baltimore problem might remove what little opposition remained.

Represent tives who attended the New York meeting and who returned here today declined to discuss the proceedings there, although President Johnson, of the American League, said peace was sure to come.

STATEMENT IS DENIED.

Chairman Hermann Says No Agreement Yet Has Been Signed.

Cincinnati, December 19. — "There is absolutely no truth in any statement to the effect that an agreement has been signed looking toward peace between organized baseball and the Federal League," said August Hermann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, here tonight, when shown a statement from Chicago to the effect that an agreement had been signed in New York. "That is what the committees will meet here Tuesday for," continued Mr. Hermann.

Peace, in the belief of Mr. Hermann, is a certainty, and will almost surely be a settled fact before the end of the week.

"Members of the committee appointed by the two major leagues and the Federal League will meet here on Tuesday to take up work on the peace negotiations where they left off yesterday," said Mr Hermann.

"Quite a number of t he details have been agreed upon, but there are a number which still require consideration. I believe it will take more than one day to thresh out the differences, but in my belief peace will be a certainty. I will go further; I will say that I believe peace will be a settled fact before the end of the week."

When asked if he would say what details have been agreed upon, Mr. Hermann replied:

"I cannot do that, inasmuch as the other details have not been decided upon and all details must be agreed to before peace can ensue. I am very optimistic as to the outcome."

PROF. A. W. WRIGHT DIES.

Noted Scientist and Formerly Professor at Yale.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 19. — Prof. Arthur William Wright, a noted scientist and professor of experimental physics at Yale from 1872 to 1906, died here today in his 80th year. He was graduated from Yale in 1859. In 1878 he was sent by the United States government to Colorado to observe a total eclipse of the sun, and at that time made the first measurement of the polarization of the solar corona. He was said to have been the first American to obtain definite results from X-ray experiments

Prof. Wright was a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of Great Britain and a member of many American learned societies. He leaves three children.

WILL FIGHT MONARCHY

Many Chinese Attend Mass Meeting Held in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Chinese from all parts of the state attended a mass meeting in the Chinese quarter to protest against the return of China to a monarchial form of government and to arrange for the collection of funds to finance a revolution of Yuan Shi Kai dons the crown.

Offers of financial support, it was announced, had been received from all over the country but it was said the subscription lists would not be opened until later.

Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic Association, who presided at the meeting said:

"We are willing to permit Yuan Shi Kai to resign peacefully. If he does not do this there will be war. We are fighting for liberty and justice."

ITALY TO INCREASE ARMY BY 1,000,000

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posts at every rest of the encircling mountains The Italian commanders, therefore, decided that instead of taking the rich prize of Triest, it was a military necessity first to control all the approaches and mountain defenses sweeping around Triest. That in reality has been the campaign going on during the last six months.

The Italian commanders express satisfaction with the progress they have made. All the fighting has been on Austrian soil. The Austrian coast ports, Porto Buso and Grado, leading toward Triest, have been taken by the Italians and from Grado the lights of Triest can be seen at night across the Adriatic. Further south, in the mountain country, the Plava Pass has been won, though at the cost of whole regiments cut to p ieces and a chain of mountain tops, villages and stations has been established encircling Gorizia. But Gorizia itself still holds out through its natural mountain defenses and its railway lines pouring in constant supplies of fresh troops and ammunition.

Ammunition is Lacking.

The matter of ammunition has p roved the same check on the Italians as it has on the other Entente Allies. They found soon after the campaign opened that they were making only one-fifth as much ammunition as they were using. This put a check on any real fighting and resulted in the resort to preliminaries of mountain and trench warfare. The ammunition output has been increased but it is still far short of requirements, although supplies f rom America and Japan are beginning to fill the gap.

Summing up what has been done in these two campaigns and what it means in places captured, men engaged, casualties, prisoners, etc., the situation is about this:

In the East the Italians have advanced about 20 to 25 miles on Austrian territory, or about half way to Triest and have taken 12 or more rather important towns, notably Grado, Monfalcone, Gradisca, Cormona, San Pietro (flanking Gorizia, Plano, Caporetto, Monte Nero, and Plezzo, far up on the Isonzo, besides many lesser places. In the west, as stated, the Italians have advanced about 20 miles on Austrian soil and have taken the main town of Roverto, half way to Trent, and numerous lesser towns and strategic points. In all these operations the Austrians have really not been making a fight as they are too busy in Russia and the Balkans, and the Italians have been on the offensive with the Austrians on the defensive.

Result in Casualties.

The net result in casualties, prisoners, etc , is about as follows:

Italian casualties, about 45,000.

Austrian casualties (Italian estimate) 90,000.

Austrian prisoners in Italy, 28,000.

Italian prisoners in Austria, 1,200.

The Italian army is highly popular and enthusiastic. It has not yet had a great battle, but its efficiency has been shown in mountain passes and the rigors of campaigning in the snows. It is made up of all classes, nobility and peasantry, and 60,000 priests have put on the u niform.

Cardinal Falconio formerly papal delegate at Washington, went to the Franciscan monastry recently to see some of the old Monks with whom he had been associated intimately for years. As he went upon the board walk of the ancient monastry an Italian officer came down the steps. He was in full cavalry uniform. Nearing the cardinal, the officer fell on his knee and kissed the cardinal's ring, and the cardinal, amazed at the greeting, recognized at least one of the old Monks, no longer in sandals and coarse gown with rope girdle but in the Monks were in uniform, and happy and proud to be serving their country.

Wireless on All Aeroplanes.

Popular heroes have not been numerous thus far. Cardorna is most in th epublic eye, idolized by the soldiers and with the confidence of the people, and the government. He is a son of the old Cadorna who commanded the Italian troops when they entered Rome as the temporal power of the pope was given up and the new Italy came into being. Marconi, the wireless inventor, is another popular figure, going about in the uniform of a lieutenant of engineers. He has put wireless on all Italian army aeroplanes and has connected the army posts by wireless so that headquarters is always in touch with the remotest points. Young Garibaldi and the post D'Annunzio are also giving a touch of romance and adventure to the fighting, with the Duke of the Abruzzi as the popular hero on the naval side.

This sums up the first six months of what Italy's two million fighting men have done and propose doing. They feel that much preliminary work has been accomplished but that the real fighting lies ahead when Triest and Trent are to be taken or when Austria brings back forces from the East to attempt an offensive The real contest will come then, and Italy is confident of the result.

MARTIN BURNETT, BUNCOMBE FARMER, IS SHOT TO DEATH

His Brother Serious Wounded in Fight With Another Farmer

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 19.—Martin Burnett, aged 33, a farmer living in the North Fork section, near Black Mountain, was shot and killed and his brother, William, 42, was seriously wounded by Claude McAffee, 38, also a farmer of the same section late this afternoon, following a fight, which, it was said, was the outcome of bad feeling between the two families. McAffee was badly cut by the Burnett brothers in the fight and was brought to the Mission hospital at this city where he made a statement alleging that the brothers attacked him without warning and that he did not fire until he had been wounded. The coroner's inquest will be held tomorrow at Black Mountain.

BAPTIST PREACHER DROWNS

His Struggles in Creek Watched by Parties Unable to Aid Him.

Cummings, Ga., Dec. 19.—Rev. Furman T. Williams, a Baptist preacher, was drowned in a creek near here last night after clinging for nearly an hour to the branches of a small tree. Several men and boys on the bank watched his struggles but were unable to save him. His body was recovered today.

Mr. Williams, who was pastor of churches at Roswell and Alpharetta, Ga., left here last night to preach today at Alpharetta. In crossing the Creek, which was swollen from recent rains, his buggy was overturned. He reached branches of a tree and cling to the muntil cold and exhaustion forced him to give up the fight.

ARMENIANS TOOL OF ENGLAND AND RUSSIA

And Are Incited to Revolutionary Uprisings.

Count von Reventlow Says it Is Not Germany's Affair to Express Sympathy for Atrocities Committed by Turks.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 19.—Count Ernest von Reventlow, naval expert, writing in the Tages Zeitung, further discusses the Armenian question, using as his text, an expression in a pamphlet just published by C. Adolph Bratter, a Berlin politician. Count von Reventlow cites this book as saying Armenian atrocities always arise in the same way, i. e.: "Revolutionary Armenians are incited by Great Britain or Russia to uprisings, rebellion and treason. Full of bitterness the Turks for decades have been vainly endeaevoring to suppress these conspiracies."

Bratter's book further declares that "Great Britain, with the help of Russia and France in the present case planned an extended conspiracy in Armenia with the purpose of having an uprising occur at the moment the Allies entered the Dardanelles. Unfortunately for the Armenians the uprising came too soon."

Count von Reventlow welcomes the book, saying: "It is high time Germans comprehended the real meaning should finally understand that it is not our affair to feel or even express sympathy with Armenian revolutionaries and usurers who form a great and malignant danger for our brave, tried and true Turkish allies, and who are the tool of our mortal enemies—Great Britain and Russia.

"If the Turks did not defend themselves energetically and thoroughly against the Armenian danger whenever it arises, they would be doing their allies as they as themselves a bad service. Therefore, we Germans must consider the handling of the Armenian question as an internal affair of the Turks.

NATIONS OF WORLD SEND GOOD WISHES

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the game since they became engaged. Both brought their golf clubs and tonight it was said they will be up early tomorrow morning for a game.

In Touch With Nation's Affairs.

The President will attend to only the most important public business while here, but arrangements have been made for connecting the hotel with the White House by a special telegraph wire if necessary and he will keep in direct telephone communication with Secretary Lansing and other officials. The eastern newspapers arrive here an entire day late and therefore the President will have to depend entirely on word from White House for his news. His stenographer brought along several applications for pardons and some important correspondence and the President will devote a portion of each day to work.

The exact plans of the party were kept such a strict secret that crowds stodd for hours at the railway stations along the line waiting for the train. The last part of the trip was made up continuous grades and the President's train was pulled and pushed by three engines. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had an early breakfast on their private car before reaching Hot Springs.

200,000 MOBILIZED IN GREECE ARE UNABLE TO VOTE

Venizelos Party Almost Unanimously Absent From Polls.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Two hundred thousand out of a total of seven hundred thousand voters in Greece are now mobilized and will be unable to take part in the elections tomorrow (Sunday), says a dispatch filed at Athens December 18, by the Havas correspondent, who adds:

"The Venizelos party, who carried 185 seats out of 316 in the chamber of deputies at the last election, also will be absent from the polls almost unanimously according to the best indications.

"The government, however," continues the correspondent, "is urging all its partisans to vote. The campaign has passed in perfect calm."

SHERIFF DIES FROM WOUNDS

Was Shot in Pitched Battle With Negroes in Worth County, Ga.

Leesburg, Ga., Dec. 19.—Sheriff D. R. Moreland, of Lee county, died today from wounds received last night in a pitched battle which, according to reports here, he and six other white men fought with negroes in Worth county, across the line from here. The negroes escaped. Posses have been searching for the negroes today and an unconfirmed report tonight said two negroes had been lynched.

Sheriff Moreland, it was said, was trying to arrest Jim Keith, a negro, accused of theft. After a few shots were fired in which Keith's wife was slightly wounded, it was said the negro fled into Worth county where the battle took place when a number of negroes came to Keith's aid.

It was said Keith had been arrested today and that another negro, supposed to be Moreland's slayer, was surrounded by a posse.

GEN. JONESCO A SUICIDE

Rumanian Officer Charged With Having Accepted a Bribe.

Geneva, (via London), Dec 19.—Munich newspapers received here announce the suicide of General Jonesco, commanding the second Rumanian corps. According to the story the general was suspected of having been bribed by one of the powers. The minister of war ordered an inquiry and his suspicions being confirmed, he sent two officers to inform General Jonesco of the result of the investigation. Two hours later General Jonesco kelled himself.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Dispatches from Constantinople forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Athens say the party of Union and Progress has decided on the nomination of German counsellors in all the Turkish ministries except that headed by the Sheikh Ul Islam, the chief ecclesiastical dignitary.

London, Dec. 29. — The Norwegian steamship Nico has been sunk. Eleven survivors, including the pilot, have been landed.

WHERE THE CENTRAL POWERS WILL NEXT STRIKE IS QUESTION

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will in which the hope is expressed that his career will soon be crowned with a crushing defeat of the Entente Allies.

"Field Marshal von Der Goltz's forces consists partly of the Constantinople army corps which is under German officers. The soldiers are armed with Krupp rifles.

"Several large corps of German professors are going to Turkey under a three-year contract to teach the German language."

HAS BETTER HOPES

Lord Derby Not Pessimistic About the Future for the Allies.

London, Dec. 19.—Lord Derby, director of recruiting, and Ben Tillett, secretary of the Dock Workers' Union, representing the opposite poles of social and political life, appeared on the same platform in a music hall meeting here today when Tillett described his recent visit to the German front. The Earl of Derby, who presided, said on introducing the speaker:

"When it comes to the question of the number of men who have enlisted I must not anticipate in any way what will be said Tuesday by the prime minister. I think the country will feel when he makes that statement that the heart of the country is right.

I hope the new year will show a brighter outlook than is discernible at the present moment. Probably the result will come sooner than many expect but not sooner than they hope—a result which will be a victory for the Allied forces. I am not the least pessimisti cabout the future."

POOR IN PITIABLE PLIGHT

German-Born Wife of English Laborer in Berlin Tells Story.

London, Dec. 19—Telegraphing from Amsterdam the Reuter's correspondent says:

"Life in the poorer quarters of the German capital is described as pitiable by the German-born wife of an English laborer residing in Berlin, who, after 16 months internment, has arrived at Flushing, Holland, according to the correspondent of the Amsterdam Telegraaf.

"The German authorities, the Telegraaf correspondent quotes the woman as saying, are in great fear of a revolt owing to the discontent of the people. Several riots occurred in which shops were plundered. Mounted police charged the crowds, composed mainly of women. Misery among the working class is considerable and is increasing daily."

"The woman's story is somewhat confirmed," says the Reuter dispatch, "by a letter from the Berlin correspondent of the Handelsblad, who declares that shops literally were stormed by large crowds who were after their daily allowance of butter."

SKOULOUDIS DENIES REPORT

That He Had Been Notified the Teutons Will Invade Greece

Paris, Dec. 10.—Telegraphing from Athens under date of December 18, the Havas correspondent says:

"Premier Skouloudis declared to the representative of an Athens newspaper today (Saturday) the report that the German minister had informed him the Central Powers intended to violate Greek territory was unfounded.

"The inaction for four days of the German and Bulgarian troops on the Greek frontier however," the correspondent adds, "is attributed as much to diplomatic as to military reasons and it is thought that the Germans are not sufficiently strong to attack the Allies alone and are trying to overcome the objection to Bulgarian action on Greek soil.

"In political circles it is stated that no official negotiations have begun. It is believed, however, that the government has opened diplomatic conversations on this subject with the German minister, setting forth the complications which are likely to result from the entry of Bulgarians into Greece, which would offend the pride of the Greek population and provoke the army.

"The optimism shown in official circles is explained by the supposition that Germany has given assurances that Greece's representatives will be taken into account."

LOW RATE OF MORTALITY

Larger Percentage of German Wounded Return to the Ranks.

London, Dec. 20.—According to the Himes the German newspapers have been supplied with extraordinary figures concerning the low rate of mortality and the high rate of recoveries among the German wounded which, even if approximately correct, would greatly impair the value of most of the calculations of German casualties made in England.

It is stated for example that in the first month of the war nearly 85 per cent. of the wounded were able to return to military service while three per cent. died and the remaining 12 per cent. were discharged.

It is further claimed that month by month there has been a steady improvement on these figures and averages shows that for every 100 wounded 89.5 were fit for service, 8.8 were discharged or sent on leave, and only 1.7 died.

The report says "No army in the world can show such favorable returns."

USING DUM DUM BULLETS

Bulgaria Protests to Anglo-French Methods of Warfare.

Berlin, (by Wireless to Tuckerton, Dec. 19).—"The Bulgarian government," says the Overseas News Agency "for the thir dtime has protested to the Entente Allies and neutral powers against the Anglo-French troops using dum dum bullets and other kinds of bullets with double covers and which explode when they strike. The Bulgarian government says these bullets cause terrible wounds and that in most cases limbs must be amputated in order to save the lives of persons wounded by them. Macedonian hospitals are filled with such.

The Bulgarian government declares that in future it will be compelled to make the severest reprisals against British and French prisoners in order to obtain respect for international law.

London, December 19. — The Danish steamer United States was brought into the Clyde by a British warship Friday night, being diverted from her route while on the way from Copenhagen to New York. A large number of Germans and Austrians with large sums of money in their possession, are said to be aboard. The mails from the ship were put ashore.

Bordeaux, Dec. 19.—Fire broke out today in the hold of the steamer Lord Ormonde which arrived here December 2 from New York having a general cargo and horses. The horses had already been taken off the ship. The hold in which the fire started contained sugar. The cause of the fire is unknown. This evening the fire apparently was under control.

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